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Sunrise service

The 72nd Annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the Cape Henry Memorial Cross, Sunday, April 4 at 6:46 a.m. The service will be ecumenical, with Dr. Patricia F. Karns, executive presbyter of Eastern Virginia, delivering the sermon.

The music for the service will be provided by the Armed Forces School of Music Student Band, Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek. This service is sponsored by the Beach Borough, Virginia Beach Ministerial Association, the city of Virginia Beach and Fort Story.

In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held at 7:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 36th Street and Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach.

Make history!

Become a part of history. The Francis Land House needs you. Volunteer positions are available at the historic Francis Land House Historic Site and Gardens in Virginia Beach. Volunteers are needed as docents to give tours of the historic house and the soon-to-open history trail. Volunteers are also needed to work in the museum store and as a part of the Flax to Linen team. Training is provided. Positions are available for all ages high school and above. Call Vicki Harvey, 431-4000.

Senior Olympics

Get ahead of the competition. Great Neck Recreation Center is offering training clinics for the upcoming Senior Olympics. The clinics are being offered on Mondays and Wednesdays until April 14 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. At the clinics, center members age 50 and up can practice shuffleboard, free throw, swimming or shot put skills. If you are interested but the event is not listed, or if you want more information, call 496-6766, TDD 471-5839.

Herb sale

St. Martha's Herb Garden Circle of Eastern Shore Chapel will hold its fifth annual herb sale from 9 a.m. to noon on the church grounds at 2020 Laskin Rd. The date is Saturday, April 24. Choose from herb plants of many varieties supplied by Linda's Garden. Call 425-9988 for details.

'Egg'stravaganza

Get "eggs"cited about having an "eggs"specially good time at Kempsville pool's fourth annual Underwater "Eggs"stravaganza. The vent will take place on Saturday, April 3 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Children ages 3 to 12 are welcome to participate in hunting eggs and winning prizes. Kids aged 3 to 8 will have pool time from 2 to 3 p.m. and ages 9 to 12 will have pool time from 3 to 4 p.m. Children under 9 must be accompanied in the water by someone 15 or older.

The event is $2 per member. For more information call, 474-8492, TDD 471-5839.

Free trees

Virginia Beach Master Gardeners will be giving out free tree seedlings in honor of Arbor Day 1999 on Friday, April 9. Trees available are Bald Cypress, Dogwood, Redbud, Sawtooth Oak and Washington Hawthorne.

Virginia Beach residents may pick up seedlings between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at these libraries: Central, Great Neck, Kempsville and Pungo/Creeds. Seedlings will also be available between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Farmers Market and Princess Anne Recreation Center.

The program is sponsored by Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners, Landscape Services and Virginia Department of Forestry. For additional information contact Cooperative Extension, 427-4769.

Hop on over

What's cuter (and cheaper) than a photo of the kids with a big fake rabbit at the mall? A photo of the kids with a real bunny in the garden at the Virginia Beach SPCA.

As part of its campaign to convince people not to buy rabbits or other animals as novelty pets at Easter time, the VBSPCA invites families to their Holland Road animal shelter on Saturday, April 3 from noon to 4 p.m. for Photos with Bunnies, starring a real rabbit residents of the VBSPCA. Polaroids of your kids with a VBSPCA rabbit are $3 each, or bring your own camera and it's free.

The Virginia Beach SPCA is located at 3040 Holland Rd. in Virginia Beach near the corner of Holland and Dam Neck Roads. For details call, 427-0070 ext. 13.

City 'celebrates' budget

Months of hard work rewarded with promising operating budget, CIP

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

It was, fittingly, high noon in the Virginia Beach City Council Chambers — a time for fireworks with the presentation of the one billion plus dollar operating budget and a higher six-year capital improvement program.

But for the staff it was a time for celebration. The budgets unveiled at a special council meeting Tuesday were the product of months, even years, of trying to figure out how to get everything done that needed to be done without raising taxes or getting the city in a hole.

As City Manager James K. Spore said in his executive summary to the proposed resource management plan for the 1999-2000 fiscal year, "There is much to celebrate in this plan. It may seem far-fetched to write of 'celebrating' a budget.....What is to be celebrated about the operating budget and CIP (capital improvement program) is how your (City Council's) plans and decisions of the recent past are being brought to fruition and how the future seems to bode well for our community."

E. Dean Block, director of management, described the budgets at the special meeting.

During the upcoming fiscal year the city proposes to spend $1,068,603,358 in operating expenses or 5.57 percent more than the current $1,012,193,498 budget. Capital spending of $1,290,142,119 has been proposed for the six year capital program — 1999-2000 to 2004-2005, a 16 percent increase in the current budget of $1,115,765,484.

The picture wasn't quite so rosy after voters last November voted down both the school and library bond referendums. Until the general assembly came through with legislation that provides lottery funds for school construction and other needs — $8 million a year for Virginia Beach, $59 million over six years, almost the amount requested in the school referendum.

MONEY TALKS

City Council will hold two public hearings on the proposed 1999-2000 operating budget and the proposed 1999-2004 capital improvement program:

- Thursday, April 15 at 7 p.m. at the Princess Anne High School Auditorium.
- Tuesday, May 4 at 2 p.m. in the City Council chambers.

Council workshops will be held throughout April and May with a reconciliation workshop scheduled for May 6, from 3 to 5 p.m. following the second public hearing.

- The adoption of the 1999-00 resource management plan is scheduled for May 11 at 2 p.m. in the City Council chambers.

This will make it possible for the schools to go ahead with the $132.5 million modernization program for 17 schools. Other funds will come from charter bonds, the school system's ending fund balance, the reallocation from the school CIP and revenue policy funds to CIP.

Another provision for the school system, $1.5 million for school technology, is still generating opposition from citizens. The money earmarked for technology will come from a $6 a year per line fee charged telephone users for payment of right-of-way usage by the telephone companies. The feeling of the citizens is that the fee is a form of tax and more taxes were voted out in the referendums.

The city also claims bragging rights to a water rate reduction — by 10 cents per 1,000 gallons or about $7.20 per year for an average customer.

The library modernization program also is rescued in the capital budget which provides an expenditure of $8,549,273 over the first four years of the budget.

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Beach Sunwheelers sweep nationals

NATIONAL CHAMPS. Jody Shiflett of the Sunwheelers eludes a defender at a national wheelchair basketball tournament. Comprised of players from Virginia Beach, Chesapeake and Poquoson, the Sunwheelers won the National Wheelchair Basketball Association national title Saturday in Chicago.

Perseverance pays off for wheelchair b-ball players

By Matthew Shanley
Correspondent

Joe Wheeler placed the trophy draped with a piece of basketball netting on top of his entertainment center, thinking that one day he might put it in storage.

Seconds later, he dismissed the idea.

This was, after all, a national championship trophy, and Wheeler helped win it.

The Virginia Beach man earned Most Valuable Player honors in leading the Sun Wheelers to its first National Wheelchair Basketball Association title at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

The team, comprised entirely of wheelchair-bound athletes, defeated Spokane (Wash.) Cyclone 52-46 on Friday and the Charlotte (N.C.) Hornets 54-46 on Saturday to win the title, improving on last year's loss in the championship game.

Wheeler, who was born with spina bifida, scored 13 points against Spokane.

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All hail the king — Neptune, that is

Judge David H. Adams coronated for 26th festival

By Kerry Barboza
Intern

Federal Judge David Adams probably never dreamed he would become royalty. However, only in Virginia Beach can a judge become a king — King Neptune, that is.

On Sunday the Neptune Festival officially coronated Federal Judge David H. Adams as King Neptune XXVI at a ceremony at the Cavalier Hotel. A large crowd, which included Mayor Meyera Oberndorf and other city officials, witnessed the event.

The coronation ceremony also included the naming of King Neptune's Royal Court. Tritons (the king's aides), princesses, court attendants and King's pages will work with the king and serve as goodwill ambassadors for the city at upcoming festival events.

The Neptune Festival committee receives several nominations for the new king and chooses one based upon excellence in his field, civic and community involvement, and for having an understanding of the spirit of King Neptune.

Adams, a former Triton, is a direct descendent of presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams. He is surprised to be named the new king. "There are so many well qualified people in the community," he said.

Nevertheless, Adams is pleased by the announcement.

"It is an incredible honor, but it is also a daunting challenge," he noted.

Adams was actually notified of his award in November and allowed time to organize and plan for his reign. However, his identity as the new King was kept secret until the public coronation.

"This whole thing has been more fun than you're allowed to have," he said.

A full calendar of events is scheduled for the king. But the highlight of the King's reign will be presiding over the Neptune Festival, which has a $15 million impact on the city. The theme of this years festival is Neptune's Festival Brazil and will be held conclude on Neptune weekend, Sept. 24-26.

Last year more than 900,000 people attended the festival, and this year attendance is expected to swell to over one million people. The Neptune Festival has been voted one of the top 100 festivals in the country, and has also been named one of the top 10 festivals on the East Coast.

Events this year will includes a surf fishing contest, a wine tasting event, an art show, and the North American Sand Sculpting Championships. Also, there

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Photo by Kerry Barboza

ALL HAIL THE KING. Bankruptcy court judge David H, Adams has been crowned King Neptune XXVI.

Couple opens hearts to special kids

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

John and Laura West don't think they're doing anything extraordinary, but in the eyes of five small children they mean the world.

Each night Laura, a former Chesapeake sheriff's deputy, gets up every hour to check her small charges and assure that each one is sleeping soundly.

Husband John, a Virginia Beach sheriff's deputy, is the critical support that Laura and the children need. He, too, has done his share of diapering, hugging and cuddling over the years.

What's outstanding about this story is that the five tots aren't the Wests' children, but they might as well be. They are foster children entrusted to the couple's care.

A strong Christian couple who attend Faith Alive Church of God in Chesapeake, the Wests look at them all as God's children — each deserving of a parent's tender care.

But these children haven't always had that.

Three of the children are blind as a result of Shaken Baby Syndrome. The oldest of these, a 2-year-old girl, must be fed through a feeding tube and has a life expectancy of just three years.

As foster parents, the Wests also care for a healthy 8-month-old girl and a 4-year-old they affectionately call "Mimi," whom they are adopting. The little girl, blind at birth, was born healthy like all the others but dropped into a scalding tub by her birth parents.

She has been with the couple since 1996, when she was 18 months old. Mimi's burns require constant tending, special dressings and frequent trips to Ohio for ongoing medical treatment.

Few foster families take in special needs children such as these, but the Wests didn't give it a second thought. In fact, they're campaigning to get others to accept the challenge — or even to just become foster parents.

There is a critical need locally for more families to open their hearts and homes to children in need.

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Commentary

The smallest victims

■ A mother has episodes during which she is verbally and physically abusive to her children. She wants to change. Her own childhood was spent in an alcoholic, abusive environment. She desperately wants help, including alternatives to the kind of life she is now leading.

■ Two adolescent children have been emotionally and sexually abused by their stepfather. He is in jail and the children are in counseling, but the mother feels that she is near the breaking point.

■ A caller asks about a friend who is a working mother and is stressed out because her 5-month-old won't sleep through the night. The friend fears that the mother will abuse the child because of stress.

These calls to a child abuse and neglect hotline indicate that in many cases, child abuse can be prevented. Abusive parents are often ordinary people caught in life situations beyond their control. They may be struggling with stress caused by illness, financial problems, alcohol or drug abuse, or immaturity. They may have little information — or misinformation — about how children grow.

It is the mission of Child Abuse Prevention Month to make the public aware of prevention efforts. Families under stress can be helped with information about child development and parenting, support from friends and relatives, and with the aid of the community at large.

Child abuse and neglect continue to be major problems in Virginia. From July 1997 through June 1998, 49,495 Virginia children were reported as possible victims of abuse in 32,476 reports to city and county departments of Social Services.

Of these, 6,567 were founded reports of child abuse/neglect and involved 9,816 children.

Even worse, 36 Virginia children died in 1998 as a result of injuries attributable to abuse and neglect — 20 of which were in Hampton Roads. Twenty-six of these children were under age 2.

Who were the perpetrators?

In a large majority of these cases, the children suffered at the hands of family members — people they loved and should have been able to trust.

The highest percentage — 37.1 — were mothers. Fathers were next at 24.8 percent. In 17.7 percent of the cases, the perpetrators were both parents.

During April, Child Abuse Prevention Month, people are asked to wear blue ribbons as a symbol of the need to be their best as a parent, child or community member.

The blue ribbon campaign has local roots. In 1989, a Chesapeake grandmother created it as a memorial to her 3-year-old grandson who died after being abused by his mother's boyfriend.

The grieving woman, Bonnie Finney, had this to say:

"One day I was just thinking about all the bruises I had seen on the grandchildren, especially on my grandson's head. I just decided I was going to tie a blue ribbon on my van. Why blue? I intend never to forget the battered, bruised bodies of my grandchildren. Blue serves as a constant reminder to me to fight for protection of our children."

Since then, the blue ribbon campaign has spread across the country as a way to promote awareness of the problem.

A slant has been created for the campaign that will promote positive action by individuals and communities. It takes advantage of the definition of the term blue ribbon as "best" or "first place."

Area residents can also support child abuse prevention by dining out April 15 during the 17th annual Celebrity Night to benefit the Hampton Roads Committee to Prevent Child Abuse. Local sports, political, entertainment and media personalities will be serving up good food and great times at several restaurants in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake and Virginia Beach. Participating restaurants this year are Azalea Inn and La Galleria in Norfolk; Croc's, Federico's and Il Giardino in Virginia Beach; Didio's in Porrtsmouth; and Pargo's in Chesapeake.

In turn, tips and T-shirt sale proceeds will help this worthy cause. The goal for this year is $18,000, which will be used to protect children by providing programming, advocacy resources and public education.

Tying on a blue ribbon and dining out are two of the easiest ways residents can make a difference in the fight against child abuse and neglect. Be sure to do both. — V.E.H.

Playing the learning game

If only adults could learn as well — or as quickly — as children.

This year I turn 30.

It's not such a big number, I know, when you look at the grand scheme of things.

My mom will be 70 this year and is still going strong. I've interviewed folks in their 80s who are more physically fit than me. I have met people at 90 who have a more youthful outlook than I ever had...even as a youth.

Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

Since I don't have the wisdom of older age, I yearn for the bright openness of childhood. I am reminded of that every day when I look at my little Mitch.

Children's brains are like sponges: they soak up everything around them.

I read recently that by age 1, babies' brains are 60 percent of the size that they will be as adults. Yet they will cram so much into those minds that it's staggering.

I am dumbfounded at the advancements my tiny boy has made in five months. Mitch has gone from a 6-pound, 6-ounce newborn who could barely open his eyes to a bright-eyed 17 pounder who learns new tricks every day.

I should be so lucky to learn new things at such a rate. Heck, I can't even memorize my own cellular telephone number — and I give give it out daily.

In the past two weeks I have marveled at Mitch's accomplishments.

Now that he's being spoonfed baby food, it's always an adventure. He has discovered several new "tastes," including sweet potatoes, potatoes, carrots, peas, green beans and bananas.

Being a "big boy," in fact, he will take the spoon from my hand and try to feed himself.

When he settles down with his bottle, more than likely Mitch will eventually grip it himself — holding a full seven ounces up as he sucks it away.

This past weekend my angel let loose a full belly laugh when gently bopped in the face with a balloon.

And this week brought two new revelations: Mitch can sit up on his own by propping his two hands at the side (the doctor said this is called "tripodding") and he rolled over for the first time.

The latter was especially exciting for me, as it marks a step in Mitch's mobility. Pretty soon he'll be rolling his way here, there and everywhere.

One final feat knocked me for a loop.

While Mitch's motor skills have been growing day by day, I never would have imagined he could reach above himself while lying down, locate his pacifier in the crib, grasp it and put it in his mouth.

When that first happened a couple of weeks ago, Evan thought I had given the baby his pacifier as he slumbered in his crib. But I was just as shocked as my husband. I could take no credit.

Mitch had managed it himself.

Now Mitch is already showing signs that he's ready to attempt crawling — he can slowly drag himself from the bottom of his crib to the top.

I always thought that baby animals were marvelous the way they progressed so quickly. A fawn can be born and within moments stand on wobbly legs. A puppy can wiggle its way to its mother's teats for milk, even though blind.

But human babies seemed so helpless, unable to do anything for themselves.

Boy, do they catch up!

I know that Mitch will do plenty more things in the coming months that will continue to impress me. He'll crawl, then he'll pull himself up, then he'll finally take that first step and become a toddler.

He'll learn to speak, drink from a cup and ultimately feed himself.

As a mother, I will be amazed at his independence. But I will also long for the time when he relied on me for every little need.

If only I could learn to accept this change. If only I could change so readily.

I could learn a thing or two from my son.

Falling in love with Shakespeare

By Larry McGehee

The local moviehouse's ticket office looks upon my appearance as an annual occasion much like the swallows returning to San Juan Capistrano each March.

I'm not much a moviegoer, but I usually get to one a year — after saving up enough for a tub of buttered corn and a large coke.

This year's annual public appearance was to attend "Shakespeare in Love," an absolutely marvelous movie — well-acted, fast-moving, witty, with fine scenery and costumes — deserving Academy Award nominations.

I haven't enjoyed a movie that much since "Field of Dreams" and, before it, "It's A Wonderful Life" (which, parenthetically, has its own web-site).

"Shakespeare in Love" set me to thinking about what a wonderful life it would be to live in a world that loves and understands Shakespeare. Sadly, that isn't the case with our world.

Lou Harry, writing in a current issue of "Gadfly," envies Englishman J.C. Trewin's attendance since 1922 of 85 different productions of Hamlet, and laments the lack of Shakespearean productions in the United States to attend.

Outside of Washington and New York, only Ashland, Ore., and Montgomery, Ala., offer regular Shakespearean fare.

Not only are Shakespeare productions few and far between, Harry says, they are limited in their choices of plays, usually confined to Midsummer Night's Dream. When, really, was the last production of Pericles in Arkansas of Coriolanus in Mississippi?

In the early 1950s a traveling troupe of Shakespearean players made the college circuit. Our high school class was loaded on school buses to go to Murray State to see Merchant of Venice.

Southern Seen

We learned excitedly from it about social prejudices against the Jews and against women in professions such as law, and when later lessons came from studying the Holocaust and from women's liberation spokeswomen, we were far more sensitive than we might have been had we not seen Shakespeare live and on stage.

When we were required, as had been every English class in our high school for 50 years, to read Julius Caesar, we lucked out when a movie of the play was released at that same time, starring Marlon Brandon, Louis Calhern, James Mason, and others.

We understood the play watching it better than from reading it. The stabbing of Calhern was every bit as gripping as the slaying of Janet Leigh in Hitchcock's "Psycho," and the lines when heard made us want to memorize whole speeches.

With little Shakespeare available to see on the stages of the Southland, we are reduced to reading Shakespeare's plays.

Alas, they are not easy reading, scarcely likely to awaken one's mind, and more likely — in reading them alone and silently — to put one to sleep.

Shakespeare is best when seen as it was written to be seen, not in books but upon stage.

But in a consumer-sensitive market of epic movies and rock stars, would people actually go to see Shakespeare if it were available in a local playhouse?

We have noticed that beautiful things often get cut out of the public view. When buildings are built and funds run short, the first thing to get cut is the ornamental horticulture that should have framed their space. When rooms are furnished, the first thing to get cut is artwork for the walls.

The same holds true for all the arts. They seem to most people, especially people consumed with working hard in order to be able to afford the goods a consumer-society must sell in order to have jobs to produce consumers, the fine arts get short shrift in funding or public interest.

The great challenge facing democracy, Alexis de Tocqueville and James Fenimore Cooper noted rather early in the 19th century, was the tendency to reduce culture to a lowest common denominator.

"Our weakest point," Cooper said, are "provincialism, with their train of narrow prejudices, and a disposition to set up mediocrity as perfection."

Tocqueville, infatuated with democracy, nonetheless warned, "I do not believe there is a country in the work where there are so few ignorant and so few learned individuals. A middling standard is fixed in America on human knowledge."

They ask — and we join in their questioning — what does it profit the nation to have such an admirable spread of schools and to provide so many years of schooling, and yet to graduate students into being citizens who have never heard an opera nor a symphony, never visited an art exhibit, never read Homer nor Dante, and never seen Shakespeare performed?

Larry McGehee is associated with Wofford College in South Carolina.

Fax your letter to the editor, 548-0390.

White House wages war, but what's the reason?

For many people in America, it is difficult to believe a man who has constantly lied to them for six years. I am careful to say many people because in the face of all that has happened and is still happening. Some believe that if he pointed his finger a them on television and said that he was Jesus they would believe him.

The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

Clinton has sold some on the idea that bombing Kosovo is for humanitarian purposes and to stop genocide. Every bomb we drop kills innocent men, women and children. What is that? NATO calls them refugees, but they die just the same. Clinton also says another reason for the bombings is because "our children deserve a peaceful Europe." I'm not aware that "our children" are under any impending threat from the refugees in Kosovo .

Unfortunately, we get our information on the progress of the "civil war" from Mr. Big himself. Bill Clinton is backed by Secretary of State Madeline Albright, Secretary of Defense William Cohen, Sandy Berger and Clinton's Military Chief of Staff. All of the above are Clinton appointees and will go to any extreme to protect him if it means withholding information that should be made known to the American people.

Clinton lied like a dog when he told us that the troops would be in Bosnia for only a year — they are still there. Clinton says that for now we won't send in ground forces, but his buddy, Sen. Chuck Robb, says, "Resolution of the problem could prove difficult without ground forces."

NATO says, "We are not ruling out the use of ground forces."

My interpretation of all that is that the troops will be going in shortly. I would feel more comfortable if former Marine officer Chuck Robb led the first wave into battle.

NATO and the U.S. could not hide the fact that one of our most costly sophisticated planes, the F-117A Night Hawk, was shot down over Yugoslavia and — thank God if we can believe them — the pilot was rescued. But it is not always going to be that way. Clinton and his gang will keep the body bags over there as long as possible, but it is only a matter of time before they start coming home and for what, a damned civil war in which we should not even be involved.

All we can do now is pray for those brave men and women who are over there doing their part under the command of a lying, draft dodger who wouldn't do his part when he was called. It convinces me more and more that the world has gone mad.

Welcome to the real world.

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FRED: Families Reading Every Day

Virginia Beach has created wonderful family resource collections at the public libraries for our citizens, as well as at the Department of Social Services, for use with their clients, and at Princess Anne High School for the use of their faculty, students and parents.

The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf

You may be wondering what is a "family resource collection?"

These collections contain a variety of books and videos for parents, grandparents, child care providers and other people who work with or have an interest in children. Topics include pregnancy and care of the newborn, child development, discipline, children's health, activities for children, children with special needs, reading readiness, school readiness, ADD/ADHD, conflict resolution, drug abuse prevention and raising teens.

The name of these family resource collections is FRED, which stands for Families Reading Every Day. The FRED collections were established for the purpose of helping families to raise healthy children who start school ready to learn, who graduate from school, and who grow up to be successful, productive citizens.

Many of you have visited the colorfully decorated sections of our public libraries, hosted by a large yellow and green bookworm named FRED. These family resource collections have books, videos and audio tapes to help all kinds of families. Two-parent, single-father, single-mother, grandparent, teen parent and foster parent households find a wealth of information to assist them in raising healthy, confident, happy children. There are also plenty of materials on having "fun" with your kids, without spending a lot of money or time.

In the public libraries, FRED is located near the picture books for young children to make it convenient for parents and other care givers to select FRED materials, while their children are selecting picture books. There are also manipulative toys nearby, such as fun sand table, to keep young ones busy while their parents are making their selections. If you do not find what you need, our trained library staff are available to help you.

And there is no charge to borrow FRED materials. All you need is a Virginia Beach Public Library card, which you may obtain for free at the library by showing a picture identification and proof of address.

In addition, the Kempsville and Windsor Woods Area Libraries have FRED computers, which may be used free of charge. These computers have software programs especially for the preschooler and early primary student to use with an adult. They are very popular with "Tonka Search and Rescue" and "Arthur's Reading Race" software programs being used most frequently out of the 16 software selections.

A unique FRED site opened Nov. 4 at the Virginia Beach Department of Social Services.

Like the other FRED collections, this one represents the collaborative efforts of the Virginia Beach Child Advocacy Network (VBCAN), the Department of Social Services, and the public library. This FRED site is different, however, in a number of ways. First, this collection is not open to the general public, but is available to social work staff and their clients. Mediation, Employment Services, Protective Services, Fathers in Training and Foster Care will now have a resource center to assist families toward effective parenting.

The FRED collections were established for the purpose of helping families to raise healthy children who start school ready to learn.

Materials in this FRED site were selected specifically for our most vulnerable populations — single parents, teen parents, families parent ADD and ADHD children, parents with difficult teens and families experiencing domestic violence. Clients may take materials home, or work in the library with their social worker on specific parenting concerns.

Raising a child isn't easy, but the the more you know about child development, the easier it is to give your child a foundation that will enable them to do well in school. The FRED family resource collections are here to help.

Since none of our children come with a "how to" manual when they are born, FRED is a welcome assistant to all of us in Virginia Beach as we get about our "on the job" training to become the best parents we can be.

Candace E. Feathers, family violence services coordinator and Susan Head, outreach coordinator, contributed to this column.

Suspect sought in break-in

On Monday, Jan. 18 at about 10:30 p.m., a man broke into a residence in the Chapel Lake Apartments in Virginia Beach. A woman was sleeping on her couch when she heard someone tampering at her sliding glass door. As she got to the door the intruder was coming inside from behind the curtains and grabbed the victim's arm.

Crime Solvers

By Det. Jim Barnes, Virginia Beach Police Department

She broke away and ran to the rear bedroom with the burglar following. At that time, the victim's boyfriend woke up and chased the intruder out of the apartment where he lost sight of him.

According to police, other residents of the complex heard noises at their patio doors that same night.

Suspect

Virginia Beach Crime Solvers is asking anyone who can identify this composite to call 1-800-LOCK-UP. A reward up to $1,000 is being offered for information leading to his arrest. All callers will remain anonymous.

Up close and personal

Dr. Robert Nash: Treating the whole person

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

Some would say Dr. Robert Nash is on the cutting edge of medicine. But much of what the Virginia Beach doctor practices has roots tracing back thousands of years.

Offering traditional and non-traditional treatments, Nash is one of Hampton Roads' leading alternative medicine practitioners. Founder of the Creative Medical Institute, he stresses nutritional supplementation, the holistic approach, stress disease prevention and wellness promotion.

Nash looks at treating the entire patient — mind, body and soul. It's an approach fast gaining popularity across the country, as evidenced by the number of people spending their out-of-pocket dollars for alternative medicine.

"It turns out that in 1990, as it was published in 1993, 33 percent of Americans spent 21 percent of their out-of-pocket dollars on alternative medicines — chiropractic and acupuncture, nutrition, vitamins and massage. In the Nov. 11, 1998 *Journal of Medicine*, it was updated that in 1997, 42 percent of Americans spent 32 percent of their out-of-pocket dollars on alternative medicine," Nash said.

"Since then there have been more 1998 studies showing 50 percent of Americans are using it. The latest study out of Stanford showed 69 percent — now that's California, of course, so they're ahead of the East Coast.

Alternative, sometimes called "complementary" or "integrative," medicine has impacted physicians so much that it was the *Journal of Medicine's* number two interest area in 1998, a jump from number 68 the previous year.

"Do you think there could be a correlation between the outflow of dollars from the traditional medicine system," Nash wondered, "or do you think it's because they want to reinvestigate ancient healing arts such as acupuncture, chelation therapy, vitamins and herbs?"

The first physician to address the Virginia State Board of Medicine on alternative treatments, Nash has developed his own definition of medicine.

"I defined it as the art and science of prevention, diagnosing and treating disease, and the compassionate and ethical treatment of pain," he explained.

"In our lifetime, we have overstressed the scientific diagnosis and treatment portions and have sorely neglected the preventative and wellness promotion with compassionate and ethical concern for our patients," he asserted.

"It's even getting worse now with the HMOs and cutbacks. The average time given a patient in the United States by a doctor is five to seven minutes. I can't even say 'hello' to a patient in five to seven minutes."

Nash's background gives him a unique outlook on the profession.

Trained as an engineer before embarking on a medical career, Nash received a bachelor's degree in engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1959 and a subsequent master's degree in electronics engineering from Oklahoma State in 1964.

At age 31, Nash "started over," embarking on a new career. He attended Upstate Medical School in Syracuse, N.Y., earning his doctorate in 1973. He completed an internship in family practice at St. Joseph's Hospital in New York and a neurology residency at Upstate Medical Center in 1976.

In 1976, he came to Hampton Roads to open Beach Neurology.

After working as a clinical instructor and neurologist for several years, he began the Creative Medical Institute in 1985.

Why the career switch?

Nash says he simply wanted to "give back in a different way." A voracious learner, medicine was the answer.

Nash never viewed himself as breaking new ground, but that's what he is doing by introducing chelation, acupuncture and other therapies to clients. His frustration comes in that he wants other medical professionals — young doctors — to learn more about the integrated approach.

"We're trying to get a wider knowledge to the public of medical options, most of which may not be paid for by insurance. But the way insurance goes, maybe that's a positive option because the patient takes greater responsibility for their choices," he said.

Nash is a life member of the National Registry of Who's Who. He is on the advisory board of Alternative Therapies (a peer review journal), the board of directors for the American College of Advancement in Medicine, and the board of directors of the American Board of Chelation Therapy.

Nash will host a free lecture April 10 on chelation with guest speaker Dr. Frank Gruber addressing homeopathy. A question- and-answer session will follow. Call 490-9311 for the time and place.

Name: Robert A. Nash, M.D.

What brought you to this area: The need for a full-time neurologist in Virginia Beach. I began practice in August 1976.

Hometown: Hurley, N.Y.

Age: 60.

Nickname: Bob.

Occupation: Physician, acupuncturist and chelationist.

Marital Status: Married to Rosemary, former head nurse of an intensive care unit who now works with me in the office.

Children: Kevin, 38, pharmacist; Colleen, 36, health insurance processor; Michael, 35, construction manager; Tara, 20, college student; Matthew, 17; Leah, 16; and Devin, 11, all students.

Favorite movie: "Star Wars."

Magazines I read regularly: *National Geographic* and professional journals.

Favorite authors: Mark Twain, Robert Ludlum (adventures) and Neale Donald Walsch ("Conversations with God").

Favorite night out on the town: Relaxing casual dinner with wife.

Favorite restaurant: Beach Pub.

Favorite meal: Soft shell crabs and a cold beer.

What most people don't know about me: That I was dyslexic in the first four years of school.

Best thing about myself: My inquisitiveness and desire for lifelong learning.

Worst habit: Television.

Pets: Two cats and two horses.

Hobbies: Reading, traveling and exploring health care options.

Ideal vacation: Three weeks in the semitropics relaxing with no phones, no television, family, food and friendly natives in abundance.

Pet peeves: Lack of integrity and responsibility in individuals and institutions.

First job: Hoeing corn in the field at 25 cents an hour.

Least liked job: Returning to the U.S. as a Vietnam veteran and despised by the country whose freedoms I helped preserve.

Favorite sports teams: Navy football (when they beat Army) and the Brooklyn Dodgers (my childhood idols).

Favorite music/musicians: Classical artists, marching bands, Wagner's works and Sousa's marches.

Most embarrassing moment: Coming in second in a spelling bee by misspelling "daughter" — now I have four.

How I would like to be remembered: As an agent of change and as a seeker of truth who had the courage to pursue it and implement it against the conservative tide which is often resistant to change.

If I received $1 million: I would thank my God for the freedom it would give me to be more creative and of greater service to the common human family.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would stress the need to change our disease and health care system. I would plant the vision of hope, spiritual growth and claiming our birthright of health, disease prevention and wellness promotion.

Churches building Habitat house

The Virginia Beach Covenant of South Hampton Roads Habitat for Humanity invites additional faith communities to join in their newest build. The covenant is a coalition of 24 Virginia Beach faith communities drawn together with a vision to serve God through social outreach by alleviating poverty housing in our community.

This is accomplished by building two homes per year in cooperation with the city of Virginia Beach and local businesses.

On April 18 the covenant will have the groundbreaking ceremony for its sixth build. This new home will be constructed on Alberthas Drive in Little Neck. City Manager James K. Spore will be the keynote speaker and WHRO's Cathy Lewis will be the emcee.

The three newest members of the Covenant are Congregation Beth Chaverim Synagogue, Thalia Lynn Baptist Church and Thalia Trinity Presbyterian Church. Faith communities may contact Rick Busciglio, 491-5072, for more information.

VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads recognizes selfless helpers

During April 18-24, National Volunteer Week, a special week to celebrate the contributions that more than 100 million Americans make each year, activities will take place across Hampton Roads to promote volunteerism and recognize outstanding achievement.

On Thursday, April 22 VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads will present the 1999 Hampton Roads Volunteer Achievement Awards Banquet to recognize the accomplishments of outstanding local volunteers, including lifetime achievement award winner Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf.

Categories include outstanding individuals adult, youth and military; outstanding community, military and youth group; outstanding agency volunteer program; and outstanding corporate volunteer program.

The event will be held at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott. A reception will start at 6 p.m. with the dinner and program at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Norfolk Public Schools Strolling Silver Strings. The cost is $30 per person.

"Volunteers touch the lives of so many people in need in our community," says Elizabeth B. Lloyd, executive director of VOLUNTEER Hampton roads. "It is an honor to be able to recognize these outstanding efforts and give something back in return."

The mission of VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads is to mobilize people and resources to solve critical problems, meet community needs and enhance the quality of life in Hampton Roads.

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Ken McNeill

Play explores image of the witch

Remember Samantha and Endora of "Bewitched"? How about Sabrina and her wacky, witchy aunts? Have been "charmed" by the lovely new trio of witches appearing weekly on your television set? Some ancestors of these contemporary "witches" will be brought to life in Virginia Wesleyan College's production of "Vinegar Tom."

Set in 17th-century England, Caryl Churchill's poignant drama tells the compelling story of events which occur in a small, rural village when accusations and rumors of witchcraft turn neighbor against neighbor.

Scored with contemporary music, "Vinegar Tom" depicts a dark episode in human history and shows how the medieval image of women as "witches" still haunts our imaginations today. The play is directed by Rebecca Williams, and the set designed by Jerald Pope.

Due to the subject matter, this play is recommended for mature audiences. It opens at 8 p.m., Thursday, April 8 in The Studio on the campus of Virginia Wesleyan College. Performances continue at 8 p.m. on April 9-10 and April 14-17. There will be one matinee performance at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 11. Admission is $8 for adults; $6 for students, seniors and the military. Seating is limited. Call 455-5700 for reservations.

One benefit performance for the Sisterhood is Global Institute is planned for 7 p.m., Sunday, April 18, at the Unitarian Church of Norfolk, 739 Yarmouth St. Call 627-5371 to make reservations at the church.

"All wickedness is but little to the wickedness of a woman...It is not good to marry: What else is a woman but a foe to friendship, an unescapable punishment, a necessary evil, a natural temptation...an evil of nature, painted with fair colours," reads the "Malleus Maleficarum" a medieval text published in 1486 and accompanied by Pope Innocent VII's papal bull which gave the text the highest church authority.

Thereafter, the "Malleus Maleficarum" was a lawbook for witch hunters for more than two centuries. Although "Vinegar Tom" is set in the 1600s, the story rings a relevant warning for today's world. When religious devotion is manipulated by fear, ignorance, greed and intolerance, it can lead to oppression, torture and human carnage.

To explore the history of the witchhunt and its current ramifications, a panel discussion of Vinegar Tom will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 15, in the Village II Commons at Virginia Wesleyan College.

The discussants will include Dr. Clayton J. Drees, associate professor of history, Dr. Catharine Cookson, assistant professor of religious studies, Julie Dodd, director of The Women's Center at Old Dominion University, and Rebecca Williams, director of "Vinegar Tom."

BEWITCHING. Karissa Peckham appears in "Vinegar Tom" at Virginia Wesleyan College this month. The plays depicts rumors of witchcraft in a small 17th-century English town.

Off 44 hops into spring with offbeat offerings

Off 44 celebrates spring at the next performance on Monday, April 12.

Off 44, a showcase of performance art, is presented the second Monday of every month in the Price Auditorium at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia. Off 44 strays slightly off the beaten path, offering a tantalizing menu of artistic treats from all corners of the local performing arts world. Liberal portions of comedy, drama, film, music and dance are added to the creative cauldron. Doors open at 7 p.m. and performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments and a cash bar will be available.

Admission is free. However, donations are graciously accepted.

The April 12 program includes:

■ The Doorway Singers will perform a tribute to the Golden Age of Broadway.

■ Singer/songwriter Ken McNeill will perform his thought-provoking original compositions on guitar.

■ Performance poet and storyteller Doug Pilley will debut one of his new short stories.

Off 44 is an experimental performing arts program organized for and by regional performers. All performers donate their talents. Off 44 encourages interested performing artists to get involved with its evolution. Inquiries, portfolios and resumé submissions should be directed to Irene Tavenner at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, 425-0000.

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia is located at 2200 Parks Ave. Call 425-0000 or visit the Off 44 website at: groups.HamptonRoads.com/Off 44.

Nominations sought for seniors' exceptional works

The Virginia Beach Mayor's Commission on Aging is accepting nominations for the annual Award for Exceptional Accomplishments in Service to Senior Citizens.

The nominee must be a Virginia Beach resident business, non-profit organization, government entity or community activity whose service has been exemplary or anyone whose service to seniors has extended significantly beyond the requirements of employment responsibilities. Non-residents must be operational in Virginia Beach.

The nominee's contributions must have occurred within the year prior to nomination.

For further information and a nomination form, call Helen Spore, 427-4525.

Discover the wonderful wetlands April 3-11

Celebrate National Wetlands Month and discover why wetlands are wonderlands during Owls Creek Week at the Virginia Marine Science Museum. Free with admission, the special event will take place April 3-11, in the museum's Owls Creek Marsh Pavilion.

Special activities throughout the week include:

■ Creek-Side Programs - 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., daily. Travel along the nature trail and encounter educational opportunities at Discovery Cart stations. Sniff a skunk, get nuts with a squirrel or catch some crabs.

■ Protecting Our Birds of Prey - throughout the day. Rapter rehabilitators, bird banders and environmentalists will be visiting throughout the week discussing the plight of birds of prey and the efforts being made to preserve them. Videos, slide presentations or live animals may be included in programs.

■ Wetland-Inspired Works of Art - Herons, egrets, canvasbacks and ruddy ducks are just a few of the wetland residents that sculptors like William and David Turner and museum carver Charles Seidel choose to immortalize in bronze and wood. View the Turners' beautiful sculptures on exhibit in the Owls Creek Marsh Pavilion or Seidel's work in the Main Building carving shack and visit with museum's avian team who will discuss the "dos and don'ts" of duck carving.

WILD FOR WETLANDS. A nature trail meanders through more than 10 acres of salt marsh preserve in Virginia Beach. For wetlands lovers, it's a perfect getaway from the hectic pace of daily life.

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Va. Musical Theatre stages classic 'Mame'

Virginia Musical Theatre opens the long-running Broadway hit "Mame" at the Virginia Beach Pavilion Theatre April 9. It follows the life of Mame Dennis, a fun-loving New York socialite in the Roaring 20s.

After the death of her brother, Mame is named guardian of her 10-year-old nephew, Patrick and gives parenthood a whole new meaning.

With her indulgent lifestyle, she exposes her young charge to many adventures and eccentric characters. Her escapades include avoiding the advances of a lascivious suitor, founding a home for unwed mothers and making good-natured mischief to save her nephew from the clutches of a bird-brained snob.

"Mame" originally opened on Broadway in 1966 starring Angela Landsbury and won three Tony awards. It is based on the novel by Patrick Dennis and the play Auntie Mame by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee. The score is by Jerry Herman, who is also known for "Hello Dolly!" and "La Cage Aux Folles."

Creating the role of Mame will be Teri Gibson, who lists among her New York credits the Broadway production of "Marlowe" and the Off Broadway hits "Nunsense," "Nunsense II," and "The Club." She created the role of Miss Hannigan in the National Tour of "Annie" and played Guinevere in "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" at the prestigious Goodspeed Opera House.

The supporting New York cast will include Mary Filpatrick who appeared on Broadway in "Oh, Calcutta" and toured nationally in "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" with Howard Keel, "Bye, Bye Birdie" with Tommy Tune, and in Joseph Papp's production of "Pirates of Penzance."

Seri Johnson will be playing Gooch. She originally created the role in the National Tour of "Mame." Jeffrey Gray appeared at VMT as Fred in "Christmas Carol-laNewmusical" and is featured on the original cast recording. Jodi Lynne Sylvester recently appeared with Sheena Easton in "Man of La Mancha" and has twice sung the role of Christine in "Phantom of the Opera."

Jack Doyle was featured in "The Will Rogers Follies" on Broadway with Keith Carradine. Scott Kitajima played Dr. Lu Fong in "Flower Drum Song" at the Lawrence Welk Theatre and Phra Alack in the "King and I" with Long Beach Civic Light Opera.

Featured among the remaining cast are Tony Brach, Reed Davis, Lindsay Eure, Todd Fenstermaker, Rachel Ford, Estelle Gootee, Michael Hoagland, Mark Hudgins, Justin Masterson, Liz Meenan, Kristen O'Donnell, Kathy Saunders, Brittany Scott, Neil Shrader, Bryan Smith, Jeff Warner and Theo Wilschhusen.

The production will be directed and choreographed by Dennis Edenfield who directed the recent national tour of "Mame" starring Morgan Brittany. Edenfield directed the critically-acclaimed production of "A Chorus Line" at VMT last fall. Kevin Wallace will serve as the musical director and will conduct the 14-piece orchestra.

Virginia Musical Theatre operates under agreements with Actors' Equity Association and Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers, the national unions representing American theatre professionals. VMT is the only year-round professional theater in Virginia and was voted "One of the Top 10 Emerging Theaters in America" by the National League of Professional Musical Theatre Producers.

Virginia Musical Theatre presents "Mame" Friday, April 9 and 16 at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10 and 17 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, April 11 and 18 at 2 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Pavilion Theatre. Tickets are $20 to $30 adults and $10 children (16 and under). Group and military discounts are available. Contact the Virginia Musical Theatre Box Office (340-5446), Pavilion Theatre Box Office, or branches of First Virginia Bank of Tidewater for tickets. For more information call, 340-5446.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Museum sponsors a whale of an excursion

Embark on a whole of an adventure! Join the Virginia Marine Science Museum on a New England Whale Watching and Nature Photography Trip off the coast of Gloucester, Mass. On Saturday, July 31 through Sunday, Aug. 8 participants will be able to search for humpback, fin, minke and right whales in their North Atlantic feeding grounds on multiple whale watching trips and learn how to capture their natural behaviors on film through instruction by noted wildlife photographer, Ronn Maratea.

In the summer, New England sun, participants will be able to see the same amazing animals that museum visitors see off the coast of Virginia Beach during the winter. Additional excursions have also been planned including a trip to Mystic Seaport, a recreated whaling village, Baltimore's Inner Harbor, as well as other shopping and recreational activities.

For more than 15 years, renowned wildlife photographer Ronn Maratea has traveled the world to photograph thousands of animals in their natural habitats and respecting wildlife everywhere, his photographs can be seen on display in settings as diverse as the Virginia Marine Science Museum, Virginia Zoo and the Elephant Museum of South Africa's Kruger National Park.

The nine-day trip package includes eight nights of lodging, round-trip transportation on a luxury motor coach and five whale watching trips aboard a private 53-foot whale watching vessel, the Wejack. (Package does not include food, tips or personal insurance).

Participants without their "sea legs" can investigate the area for shopping, recreational activities and local excursions. Additional optional features include weekday trips to Boston, a visit to the National Aquarium in Baltimore, lobster and clambake, as well as daily pontoon boat trips.

The trip packages cost is $950 based on double occupancy. Single rates are also available. (Those not participating in whale watching can request a reduced package fee). To reserve a space, a $200 deposit is required by May 1. Reservations are required. Call 437-6007.

VWC lecture on religion in India scheduled

A lecture entitled "India's Agony Over Religion: Religious Freedom in Peril" will be presented by Dr. Gerald J. Larson, Rabindranath Tagore Professor of Indian Cultures and Civilizations and Director of India Studies Program, Indiana University, Bloomington, at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, April 6, in the Village II Commons and at 7:30 p.m. in the Boyd Dining Center.

This lecture is part of the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom's spring symposium, "Religious Freedom in a Global Context." The lecture is free.

Larson obtained his bachelor's degree from Blackburn College in Carlinville, Ill. He received his M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary in New York City and his Ph.D. in History of Religions, Indian Religions and Comparative Philosophy from Colombia University.

Larson is a leading expert in the field of religion and philosophies of India. He is the author of numerous publications on religion and philosophies throughout the world. Larson has taught at many institutions throughout the United States such as the Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University, University of Tennessee, Knoxville and the University of California, Santa Barbara. In addition, Larson has taught at the University of Lancaster, Lancaster, England and Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India.

For more information contact the center at 455-3129.

You'll 'dig' this exhibit

Quite a bit goes on underground which no one even notices.

This spring, see, do and touch during a visit to "Dig into the Dirt," the Virginia Marine Science Museum's newest Discovery Room Exhibit. Visitors will be able to explore what can be found beneath their feet in this exhibit focusing on animals and plants that live underground, their homes and how they have adapted to live in the unique environment.

Free with museum admission, the event takes place April 3 through May 31 in the museum's Owls Creek Marsh Pavilion.

"Dig into the Dirt" activities include:

■ Live Animal Presentations - noon and 2 p.m., daily. Meet a prairie dog, hognose snake and eastern box turtle to discover why some animals prefer to live deep down and dirty.

■ There's Gold in Them Thar Hills, Soil Testing at 11 a.m., daily. Prospectors were lured to the West with the hopes of striking it rich panning for gold. Unearth the different types of metals, rocks, minerals and gemstones found underground in soil testing.

■ I Feel the Earth Move Under My Feet, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily. They aerate soil, as well as decompose leaf litter and organic debris. Meet redworms, millipedes and salt marsh plants that play a key role in keeping many environments so healthy.

As the state's largest and one of the top 10 most attended aquariums in the country, the Virginia Marine Science Museum was recently named 1997 Travel Attraction of the Year by the Southeast Tourism Society. Located at 717 General Booth Boulevard, south of Rudee Inlet in Virginia Beach, the museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily with extended summer hours. For more information call, 425-FISH (3473).

Vintage car drivers 'Race at the Base' April 23-25

Vintage race car drivers, start your engines. Surf, sun and spacious skies will be the backdrop for the Virginia Beach "Race at the Base," April 23-25 at the Naval Air Station Oceana.

Promising to be the hottest new race on the Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA) circuit, the inaugural event will feature three days of special events and races for vintage race and production cars, dating from the mid-1940s to 1972.

This race will be reminiscent of typical airport race competitions that first took place in the early 1950s.

Classic Mustangs, Corvettes and Jaguars will be among the international cars featured in the racing line-up, in addition to vintage Morgans, Elvas, Triumphs, MGs and Healeys. Race festivities will begin Friday at 4 p.m., with a "Mock Race on the Streets," winding from N.A.S. Oceana to the Virginia Beach oceanfront. A pre-race party and display of cars will follow at the 24th Street Park, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

For race requirements, registration and information, drivers should contact the SVRA at (570) 724-5794. General admission is $8 for the public; $12 for a two-day pass; $4 for active duty military personnel and their families; and $2 for children under 12. Tickets will be available at NAS Oceana the weekend of the event and at the Virginia Beach Pavilion Box Office and the Virginia Beach Visitor Information Center at 2100 Parks Ave. in Virginia Beach. Races are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Creative Crafters share skills during Gathering of the Guilds

Annual event showcases arts

By Shirl Kuykendall
Correspondent

Weavers, lace makers, blacksmiths and more could all be found at one place Saturday — the historic Francis Land House for the 18th annual Gathering of the Guilds.

"As far as I can find, it's the only guild gathering there is. It seems to be very unique. People have said this has never been done before. The sole purpose of this day is for the guilds to show the public that the old arts are being preserved," explained Vicki Harvey, Land House museum educator.

Walking around in the old plantation house, built sometime between 1780 and 1800, visitors felt they were no longer in the bustling 20th century thanks to spinning wheels and plenty of folk art forms. Only the present day fashions worn by the visiting public brought everyone back to the present.

Jerry Whitehurst from Pungo is a member of the Tidewater Turners.

"We turn bowls, plates, candlesticks, vases, etc. If we take a log or piece of wood, we can cut it down to fit on the lave. Once we get it on the lave, we can turn any shape we want it to be," he explained.

"This art form is hundreds of years old. Long before there was power, they were able to turn things with a foot or a hand. We turn all kinds of wood from all over the world."

Joy Eliassen, another of the museum educators, pointed out, "Only 2 percent of the population in that time in Princess Anne County could afford houses like this. That's why it's so important to have the guilds represent the crafts that were being made by the majority of the population at that time."

The old peasant smocking art from Europe was represented by Barbara Kemp of the Seaside Smockers Chapter. There were various smocking magazines, doll clothes, numerous children's dresses.

"The Seaside Smockers Chapter of the Smocking Art Guild of America's purpose is to further the appreciation of smocking arts and other associated hand work through education and association.

"Our community service," she continued, "is 'Wee Care' begun in 1984, where we make tiny smocked gowns for the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters. These are for infants who don't survive and parents use these as burying gowns to keep as a remembrance of the child."

Smocking is pleating the material on a special pleating machine and then we embroider different patterns on the pleats."

In front of the old-fashioned fireplace, complete with black kettles, a waffle iron and toast trivets, sat Betty Haworth at her spinning wheel, an Ashford-Elizabeth model from Australia.

"I don't do any weaving. I don't care for it," she explained in a voice as soft as the fleece she held in her hand. "I like soft, silky fleeces from Massachusetts called Border Leiceister Sheep. I don't have to work really hard to get it clean because the Northern Sheep spend the winter on the snow. About the time the snow melts, they get sheared. They don't have time to get matted up."

A crowd of people were gathered around Bob Harvey, with his unique "horner" handiwork. He explained the craft.

"Horn was like an early plastic for a long, long time. It was used for just about everything from spoons to snuff boxes. The horns come from cows (after they've been slaughtered). The learning curve is real shallow. You can't go to a 'how-to' book. That's where the guild comes in.

"The horn is split," Harvey said, "then it is molded in heat. You open them up and flatten them. Then you can cut things out like a thread winder or mold things like spoons. They used to make horn books for kids to carry around for their music.".

The Tidewater Sampler Guild had an interesting display of samples — some framed, some in the works. Also there were reproductions of samplers from 1600 to 1800.

Frances Grant explained, "The purpose of our guild is continuing education of historic samplers and needlework. Little girls were not educated as they are today. Girls were taught domestic skills. They had to inventory their clothes and household linen. The original samplers taught the girls their alphabet and how to count. They originally were not put in frames, but on 9x12 (width) strips."

Baskets — all shapes, sizes and colors — were part of the High Country Basketry Guild, Tidewater Chapter. Debbie Gegner, donning tiny basket earrings and a "basket" sweatshirt, gave an enthusiastic description of her guild.

"We meet the first Sunday of the month at Larchmont Methodist Church at 2 p.m. We're a young guild — we've only been around for about four years. We have from 40 to 45 members right now. We have guest people to come in from throughout the country to teach classes. We have our mini-convention in January in Newport News. People from northern Virginia come in and we probably have about 20 instructors. "

The last stop was the Tidewater Knitting Guild and a visit with Linda Woodard:

"Knitting is a lot of fun. You have to basic stitches — knit and purl. You can take two sticks and a piece of string and make something. Our guild welcomes people of all levels. You don't have to be an expert. The variations in the yarn is what makes things interesting. Knitting is not as hard as it looks — it's really a simple craft. You can make anything from a baby blanket to a wedding dress."

Photos by Shirl Kuykendall

SPINNING TIMES TWO. Jerry Whitehurst of the Tidewater Turners and Betty Haworth, operating the spinning wheel, plied their arts at the Gathering of the Guilds last weekend at the Francis Land House.

Toughlove meets

The Virginia Beach Chapter of Toughlove International will meet at 7 p.m. at the Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church, 2217 West Great Neck Rd. Toughlove is a support group for parents to help them regain control of their households. Contact the church, 481-7674, for more information.

MADD will meet

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Southside Community Action Team will meet Tuesday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd.

Linkhorn Park gardeners meet

The Linkhorn Park Garden Club will meet on Friday, April 9 at 11 a.m. at the Princess Anne Country Club. Wayne Jones will present a program on "Flowers in Springtime."

Special service

A service of music and song will be held at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7 at the Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church, 2217 West Great Neck Rd. Call 481-7674.

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Already role models

Attorney General Mark Earley presented the 1999 Youth Award to six outstanding teens recently at the Library of Virginia. Among them were three Hampton Roads teens – Ashleigh Nicole Thompson of Chesapeake, Dario Kosarac of Virginia Beach, and Daniel Young, also of Virginia Beach. Each was presented a $1,000 savings bond and certificate of recognition for exhibiting leadership and character.

Thompson is a senior at Hickory High School and has become a spokesperson against substance abuse due a parent suffering from drug addiction. She spoke at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. and attended the Pride World Drug Conference in Atlanta.

Kosarac is a senior at Catholic High School and fled Sarajevo at the age of 15 disguised as a priest. He has been recognized by the American Red Cross for his service at the school's blood drive and tutors for several organizations.

Young is an eighth grader at Kemps Landing Magnet School and is president and founder of Operation Breathe Easy. He lobbied the governor to proclaim Jan. 29 as Asthma Awareness Day and the month of May as Asthma Awareness Month in Virginia. The General Assembly passed it this session.

At the ceremony, seated from left, are: Thompson; Faith Patterson of Stuarts Draft; and Sara Kristine Hansen of Courtland. Standing: Kosarac; Anthony F. Troy of Mays and Valentine law firm, which sponsors the award; Earley; former Gov. Gerald Baliles of Hunton and Williams law firm, another sponsor; Darrell Joseph of Richmond; and Young.

City 'celebrates' budget

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The funds will provide for the renovation and expansion at Central, Library, Great Neck, Windsor Woods and Kempsville and would provide replacement facilities at Oceanfront and Bayside.

Upgrades to the Creeds area library are incorporated into the modernization of Creeds elementary School. The Bayside facility is expected to be a leased facility at a new locations.. The funds also will provide $250,000 to upgrade the books collection system-wide.

Other budget highlights:

■ The School Board request equals the revenue sharing policy amount of $199.3 million or about 47.5 percent of the operating budget. Total spending for school operations, debt service and construction amounts to 59.3 percent of the total proposed resource management plan for the upcoming year.

■ School employees will receive salary increases of 3 percent in July and1.5 percent in January; city employees will receive 4.5 percent upon annual merit review.

■ Three new schools will be opening — Cooke, Seatack and Newcastle. Block said that this would not have been possible if the city did not manage land use effectively.

■ 15 police officers will be added.

■ Two new full-time housing inspector positions will be added to effectively respond to council's and citizens requests for service and to provide needed intensified inspections in neighborhood revitalization areas.

■ Included in the capital plans are a 90-bed juvenile detention facility, a 500-bed correctional facility, a new fire station for Sandbridge and a new police station in Bayside (in the present Bayside Library building).

■ The city will continue to provide funds to preserve the right-of-way for the Southeastern Parkway and Greenbelt — the city is still hopeful about getting the support of Chesapeake for the project. However, the city plans to direct other parkway funding to accelerate other projects.

■ Community recreation centers renewals and replacements are included for the six community centers — total project cost is $2,764,205.

■ Norfolk Avenue Multipurpose Trail which includes a 10-foot-wide paved multipurpose trail, plantings and street crossing and access improvements from Birdneck Road to Pacific Avenue, $568,000

■ Before and after school and summer activity center programs are included, $85,408.

■ Jeron Ridge Golf Course, a public-private partnership.

■ Playground sites at 49 elementary schools will be redeveloped at a total project cost of $729,000.

■ Funding is provided for the preliminary design and study of redevelopment and possible expansion of Princess Anne Park total project cost is $1,689,974.

■ Mount Trashmore Park will be renovated, including bank stabilization and water quality improvements — the total project cost is $1.9 million.

■ Funds are provided for the design and construction of the Lynnhaven boat ramp and beach facility — the total project cost is $1.2 million.

Block said that what the city is doing is working. He pointed to higher quality jobs, new housing quality is up, welfare roles have been cut in half, the unemployment rate is less than the national rate, and the city has realized four years of real growth in per capital income.

Pro football player Reggie White speaks at prayer breakfast

The YMCA of South Hampton Roads will present its fifth annual Prayer Breakfast on Friday, April 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the Founders Inn and Conference Center in Virginia Beach.

Co-sponsored by Hampton Roads United Christians and Regent University, the program features keynote speaker Reggie White with music by Roger Checks.

White, All-Pro defensive end for the Green Bay Packers and co-pastor of Innercity Church in Knoxville, Tenn., will address responsibility and the importance of being a team player. A renowned professional athlete, licensed minister and dynamic speaker, White has also written an autobiography, "In the Trenches," that describes his desire to be a hero.

According to White, being a role model is not a high enough standard, as today's role models often provide a negative example for today's youth.

The prayer breakfast is part of the YMCA's mission to put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Past speakers include Dr. Tony Campolo, host of the weekly television series "Hashing it Out" and President Clinton's spiritual adviser; Dr. Isaac Canales, Promisekeepers Rally speaker and professor at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.; Dr. Tony Evans, publisher; and Dean Kay Cole James of the Regent University School of Government.

The vent's co-sponsors, Hampton Roads United Christians and Regent University, are dedicated to spiritual renewal and higher education based on a Christian foundation.

Tickets to the breakfast are required and cost $12 each or $120 for a table of 10. Tables will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Fellowship begins at 6:30 a.m., with breakfast at 7 a.m. For more information about the YMCA prayer breakfast, and locations where tickets can be purchased call, 622-9622 or visit the Member Services desk at your nearest YMCA branch.

DAR hears health care talk April 17

The Adam Thoroughgood Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its April 17 luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at Westminster Canterbury.

A volunteer from LifeNet will be the speaker. Share Your Life, Share Your Decisions for Health Care" will be the topic of the speech.

Hostess are Mrs. Milton Thorpe and Mrs. Edgar Reaney. For more information call Mrs. Thorpe, 496-1322.

'He Lives' presented

The play "He Lives" by Vesta Cruser will be presented at the 9 and 11 a.m. worship services at the Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church, 2217 West Great Neck Road. The Lord's supper will be served in the pews. Call the church, 481-7674, for details.

Mexican American Club will gathers

The Hampton Roads Mexican American Club, an active partner with The Making A Difference Foundation and its Hispanic Outreach Program, will meet Friday, April 9 at 8 p.m. at the St. Gregory's Catholic Church on Virginia Beach Blvd. across from Haynes Furniture in Virginia Beach. Social hour starts at 7 p.m. Both groups work with the growing Hampton Roads Hispanic Community. For more information call Carmen Navejas, secretary, 857-9572, or Rose Brown, 486-7312.

Church hosts spring plant sale

A spring plant sale, bake sale, lunch, mini-flea market and car wash will take place at the Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church, 2217 West Great Neck Rd., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 24. A Master Gardener will be available to give landscaping tips. Contact the church, 481-7674, for more information.

Legal Notices

TRUSTEE SALE
1809 John Brown Lane
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Beverly B. Carrey and Andrew L. Carrey dated September 30, 1993 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3279, page 0484, securing a loan which was originally $115,154.00 Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 23, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 25, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision Plat of Alexandria Section 1C Kempsville Borough." Tax Map 1455-70-5725.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of $10,800.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.

NP994725
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
750 Miller Drive, Suite C2
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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1767 Eastborne Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Robert J. Richards dated December 7, 1993 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3317, page 1059 and re-recorded in Deed Book 3343, page 2075, securing a loan which was originally $127,550.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 30, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 17 in Block F, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Upton Estates, Phase One-B, Princess Anne Borough". Tax Map #2415-53-6722-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of $12,100.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP994774
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
750 Miller Drive, Suite C2
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

Auction: 1988 Ford Escort
Serial: 1FAPP2335JT155742
Date: April 2, 1999
Time: 11:00 a.m. at Auto Heaven, Virginia Beach, VA

Tidewater Acceptance Corporation reserves the right to bid.

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Public Notice

State of Maine
Probate Court
Auburn, Maine

Notice to Marcie W. Estes

This notice is to Marcie W. Estes, whose whereabouts are uncertain, Alan J. Merritt Jr., 223 Sabattus St., Lewiston, ME 04240, has filed a petition in the Androscoggin County Probate Court at 2 Turner Street, Auburn, ME 04210, to have Patrick Alan Merritt-Estes name changed to Patrick Alan Merritt.

This matter will be heard at 8:45 a.m. or as soon thereafter, on April 20, 1999. The requested action may be made on or after the hearing date if no sufficient objection be heard. This notice complies with the requirements of 18-A M.R.S.A 3-403 and Probate Rule 4.

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
933 Dallas Court
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Kevin J. Smith and Rose E. Smith dated July 31, 1995 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3523, page 1952, securing a loan which was originally $92,800.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 9, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 12, Block 11, as shown on that certain plat entitled "RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1 AND 12, BLOCK M, CHARLESTOWNE LAKES SOUTH, SECTION 4, KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH." Tax Map #1464-27-4444-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of $9,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP994537
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
750 Miller Drive, Suite C2
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, April 13, 1999 at 2:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

MODIFICATION TO LAND USE PLAN

DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL

1. An Ordinance upon Application of The Franciscus Company for an Amendment to The Green Run Land Use Plan to allow an automobile service station in conjunction with a convenience store at the northeast corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Windmills Point Crescent. Said parcel contains 1.663 acres. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Tidewater Imports, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales & service at the northeast corner of Holland Road and Diana Lee Drive. Said parcel is located at 3496 Holland Road and contains 4.218 acres. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Spring Branch Community Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on the east side of Great Neck Road, north of Harbor Lane. Said parcel is located at 1510 Great Neck Road and contains 9.250 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Saint Aidens Episcopal Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church at the southwest corner of Edinburgh Drive and Kings Grant Road. Said parcel is located at 3201 Edinburgh Drive and contains 3.566 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

DISTRICT 6 - BEACH

5. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach for a Conditional Use Permit for a commercial/municipal parking lot at the northeast of Atlantic Avenue and 30th Street. Said parcel is located at 3003 Atlantic Avenue and contains 1.03 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on April 14, 1999 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

1. An Ordinance upon Application of Baymark Construction Corporation for Changes of Zoning District Classification on the following parcels:

Parcel 1: AG-1 Agricultural District to Conditional AG-1 Agricultural District with a PD-H1 Planned Unit Development District Overlay on property located 600 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 7600 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 2: AG-1 Agricultural District to Conditional AG-1 Agricultural District with a PD-H1 Planned Unit Development District Overlay on property located 3400 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 3300 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 3:AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional AG-2 Agricultural District with a PD-H1 Planned Unit Development District Overlay on property located 2550 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 4850 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 4: AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional AG-2 Agricultural District with a PD-H1

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Planned Unit Development District Overlay on property located 3050 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 3650 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 5: AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional AG-2 Agricultural District with a PD-H1 Planned Unit Development District Overlay on property located 2500 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 2550 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 6: R-40 Residential District to Conditional R-40 Residential District with a PD-H1 Planned Unit Development District Overlay on property located on the north side of Indian River Road beginning at a point 5200 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 7: R-20 Residential District to Conditional R-20 Residential District with a PD-H1 Planned Unit Development District Overlay on property located on the north side of Indian River Road beginning at a point 5600 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 8: AG-1 Agricultural District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 2850 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 4750 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 9: AG-1 Agricultural District to Conditional P-1 Preservation DIstrict on property located 3400 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 3750 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 10: AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 2730 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 4800 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 11: AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 2300 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 3200 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 12: AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 4050 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 1520 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 13: AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 2050 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 2150 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 14: R-20 Residential District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 1850 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 5000 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 15: R-20 Residential District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 600 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 3650 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 16: R-40 Residential District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 550 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 3750 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

The proposed zoning classification changes to Conditional PD-H1 and Conditional P-1 are for mixed land use. The Comprehensive Plan designates this site as being in the Transition area. The Transition area for this parcel is planned for appropriate growth opportunities consistent with the economic vitality policies of Virginia Beach. Said parcels contain 419.8 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Baymark Construction Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit for a golf course on certain property located on the west side of West Neck Road beginning at a point 4630 feet more or less south of North Landing Road. Said parcel contains 112.585 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Argos Properties, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-2 Agricultural District and B-2 Community Business District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southwest corner of Princess Anne Road and Seaboard Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial retail land use. The Comprehensive Plan designates this site as being in the Transition Area. The Transition area use of this parcel is planned for appropriate growth opportunities, consistent with the economic vitality policies of Virginia Beach. Said parcel contains 8.9 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

4. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Beco Building Associates, a Virginia general partnership. Property is located on the north side of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 800 feet more or less west of Seaboard Road. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

5.

An Ordinance upon Application of Beco Building Associates, a Virginia general partnership, for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural Districts to Conditional R-10 Residential District on certain property located on the north side of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 800 feet more or less west of Seaboard Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional R-10 is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 10,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/low density at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said property contains 105.96 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Gilliam Group Associates for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District and A-12 Apartment District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard beginning at a point 140 feet more or less east of Shipps Lane. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial retail land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends the site zoned A-12 to be used as multi-family and the sites zoned B-2 to be used as commercial retail use in accordance with other Plan polices. Said parcel contains 9.73 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Gilliam Group Associates for a Conditional Use Permit for mini-warehouses on certain property located on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard beginning at a point 140 feet more or less east of Shipps Lane. Said parcel contains 9.73 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

8. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Robert Steinhilber and Herbert A. Culpepper. Property is located at the southwest intersection of Blackwater Road and Blackwater Loop. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Robert Steinhilber & Herbert A. Culpepper for a Conditional Use Permit for an alternative residential development on certain property located at the southwest intersection of Blackwater Road and Blackwater Loop. Said parcel contains 320 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

10. An Ordinance upon Application of Robert Steinhilber & Herbert A. Culpepper for a Conditional Use Permit for a community boat dock on certain property located at the southwest intersection of Blackwater Road and Blackwater Loop. Said parcel contains 320 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

11. An Ordinance upon Application of First Church of God of Virginia Beach for a Conditional Use Permit for a church (expansion) on the south side of Holland Road, east of S. Plaza Trail. Said parcel is located at 4141 Holland Road and contains 2.38 acres. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

12. An Ordinance upon Application of Mahmond Shehadeh - Rosemont Shell Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station (auto repair) at the northeast corner of Rosemont Road and S. Plaza Trail. Said parcel is located at 300 S. Rosemont Road and contains 31,851 square feet. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

13. An Ordinance upon Application of Raymond E. Chaput for a Conditional Use Permit for a commercial recreational facility other than of an outdoor nature on the east side of Ferry Plantation Road, north of Honeygrove Road. Said parcel is located at 1036 Ferry Plantation Road and contains 1.696 acres. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

14. An Ordinance upon Application of Tree of Life Christian Fellowship for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on the east side of Princess Anne Road, 574 feet north of Windsor Oak Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 4402 Princess Anne Road and contains 1.995 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

15. An Ordinance upon Application of Francis Asbury Methodist Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church addition on the west side of N. Great Neck Road, south of Adam Keeling Road. Said parcel is located at 1871 N. Great Neck Road and contains 3.578 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

16. An Ordinance upon Application of Murphy Oil/Russell Colvin/Tom Graney for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station at the northwest corner of Phoenix Drive and Sabre Street. Said parcel is located at 657 Phoenix Drive and contains 15 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

AMENDMENT:

17. An Ordinance to amend Section 1704 of the City Zoning Ordinance to include garages and other covered parking structures in determining the floor area of single-family dwellings, duplexes and semidetached dwellings in the R-5D (SD) and R-5F (SD) Zoning District.

18. An Ordinance to amend Section 801 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to hair care centers as a conditional use in the O-1 and O-2 Office Districts.

19. An Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 8.1 of the Subdivision Regulations of the City Code by increasing fees charged for subdivision plat review.

20. An Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 3.2 of the Site Plan Ordinance of the City Code by increasing the fees charged for site development plan review.

21. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach (motion of the Planning Commission) to amend Section 1510 of the City Zoning Ordinance to redesignate the general areas in which the RT-2 Resort Tourist District is located. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection at the Department of Planning.

22. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach (motion of the Planning Commission) to amend the official zoning map by changing the zoning district classification of all parcels of land within the RT-3 Resort Tourist District east of Pacific Avenue, west of Atlantic Avenue, south of 40th Street and north of 4th Street to the RT-2 Resort Tourist District zoning district classification. The RT-2 Resort Tourist District is intended to provide areas for resort hotels and appropriate mixtures of other complementary uses. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection at the Department of Planning. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 3/10/99:

23. An Ordinance upon Application of Pace Construction & Development Corp., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 & AG-2 Agricultural Districts to Conditional R-15 Residential District on certain property located on the west side of Indian River Road beginning at a point 7640 feet more or less south of Elbow Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional R-15 is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 15,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/low density at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 41.9 acres. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

24. An Ordinance upon Application of Robert G. & Donna S. Brewer for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional B-1A Limited Community Business District on certain property located 470 feet more or less north of N. Landing Road, beginning at a point 550 feet more or less east of George Mason Drive. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-1A is for low intensity commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan designates this parcel as being in the Transition Area. This area is planned for appropriate growth opportunities, consistent with the economic vitality policies of Virginia Beach in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 3.9 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

25. An Ordinance upon Application of Robert G & Donna S. Brewer for a Conditional Use Permit for a self-storage facility on certain property located 470 feet more or less north of N. Landing Road, beginning at a point 550 feet more or less east of George Mason Drive. Said parcel contains 3.9 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

26. An Ordinance upon Application of Virginia Beach Professional Firefighters Local #2924 for a Conditional Use Permit for a lodge for fraternal organization on the east side of Princess Anne Road, south of the intersection with Sandbridge Road. Said parcel is located at 2020 Princess Anne Road and contains 8 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

27. An Ordinance upon Application of Enchanted Forest Nursery and Tree Farm L.L.C., for a Conditional Use Permit for a nursery and tree farm on certain property located on the south side of Indian Creek Road beginning at a point 1000 feet more or less east of Crags Causeway. Said parcel contains 31.897 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

28. An Ordinance upon Application of Judeo-Christian Outreach Center, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a group home on the south side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, 195.07 feet east of Seabridge Road. Said parcel is located at 959 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 4.059 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

29. An Ordinance upon Application of bg Construction Corp., a Virginia corporation for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 & AG-2 Agricultural Districts to Conditional R-10 Residential District with Historic and Cultural District Overlay on certain property located at the northeast corner of Holland Road and Princess Anne Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional R-10 is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 10,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/low density at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 16.52 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

30. An Ordinance upon Application of Ali Hambaz for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station in conjunction with a convenience store and a car wash on the east side of S. Independence Boulevard, south of South Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 360 and 368 S. Independence Boulevard and contains 2.2 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Robert J. Scott
Planning Director

Copies of the proposed ordinances, resolution and amendments are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning. For information call 427-4621.

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303. Hearing impaired, call: TDD only at 427-4305. (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
3951 Lantana Place
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Augustine A. Carolus and Carmen M. Carolus dated May 7, 1993 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3215, page 0434, securing a loan which was originally $66,600.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 16, 1999 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

LOT 45, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT ENTITLED "SUBDIVISION OF SALEM LAKES, SECTION L." Tax Map #1485-00-4568.

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1840 Blairmore Arch
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from John D. Pavone and Cheryl L. Pavone dated June 27, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3633, page 681, securing a loan which was originally $92,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 16, 1999 at 8:04 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 12, Block D, "Subdivision of Ocean Lakes, Phase One-Section One." Tax Map #2415-61-2022-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
6006 Margate Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Herman Wallace Via dated October 28, 1991 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3028, page 934, securing a loan which was originally $43,647.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 9, 1999 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 4, in Block D, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Hampton Square Townhouses, Section Two, Bayside Borough." Tax Map #1458-91-9565-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

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NP994686

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1937 Rock Lake Loop
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Barbara F. Dodge dated May 1, 1991 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 2984, page 430, securing a loan which was originally $78,650.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 16, 1999 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 134, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Rock Creek, Phase I." Tax Map #1485 12 7873 0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of $7,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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NP994690

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
4000 Weatherstone Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Paul A. Hotaling dated June 14, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3628, page 0942, securing a loan which was originally $98,800.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 16, 1999 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 41, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Glenwood Phase 4, Kempsville Borough". Tax Map #1475-90-1349-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

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NP994501

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SPECIAL LOVE. John and Laura West open their hearts and homes to special needs children as foster parents.

Couple opens hearts to special needs kids

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The Wests have been foster parenting for six years, drawing strength from each others and Laura's 14-year-old daughter.

"It's kind of a strange story," said John. "We were faced with the fact, at that point, that we weren't going to be able to have kids of our own. We went to an evangelist at a crusade and he asked if we'd ever thought about foster care. We told him we hadn't, so we decided to go ahead and get started."

"We didn't know anything about it," added Laura. "We had to call and check it out."

The Wests went through classes, receiving a child placement even before they had finished their training.

"And we've been taking them as we could ever since," said John.

The couple has offered a temporary home to 45 children in the past six years.

"And now the Lord is blessing us with a child of our own after all these years," John smiled at his expectant wife.

Mimi was the couple's first special needs child. They admit is was not easy deciding to embark on the care and treatment of someone so needy. Today Mimi is the joy of their life.

"Her story is an article in itself," said John.

Severely abused by her parents, the Wests embarked on Mimi's care knowing she would require skin grafts as she continued to grow. With the support of the Shriners, the couple traveled to Ohio and took in the little girl. They continue to travel to Ohio for the graft surgery.

"She doesn't give up — she has the attitude and spirit," said John.

The Wests have taken in many shaken babies over the years, plus foster children who just need a temporary home until they can be reunited with their families. They specialize in God's tiniest lambs, infants to age 4, but there is a critical need for foster homes for children of all ages.

According to Laura, teens are especially difficult to place. Homes are desperately needed for these young people.

Despite some setbacks, such as the theft of their family van last year (they're now forced to squeeze into a small station wagon — wheelchairs and all), Laura remains optimistic about foster parenting.

"Sometimes it's difficult to handle the challenges that come with being a foster parent, but we have a good support system. My husband and I both want to do our part for what is best for the children, and our daughter, Ashley is a big help.

"Working together and supporting one another is what foster parenting is about about — it's about partnerships between the foster parents, social service agencies and the birth parents."

In an effort to raise awareness about foster parenting, 10 local social service agencies have united their resources to launch a regional recruitment campaign. Now in its third year, the Regional Foster Parents Recruitment Campaign carries the message "When Families Can't, Foster Parents Do." The Wests are spokespersons.

"The need is here for foster parents — people just need to step up to the plate," John said.

For information about foster parenting call, 464-KIDS.

Fathers In Training puts dads on track

Graduation honors men's transition to role models

By Matthew Shanley
Correspondent

James Worsham's best graduation day present came unwrapped.

The Virginia Beach father of eight listened as his son, Michael, read a poem he wrote about their relationship to mark the elder Worsham's graduation from Fathers In Training (FIT).

The program, sponsored by the Virginia Beach Department of Social Services, offers employment and education counseling while giving men skills in parenting, conflict resolution and anger management in a supportive environment.

Participants met once a week for 20 weeks, but program counselors were available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for any man who needed someone to talk to.

Since the program began in 1996, more than 400 men between the ages of 14 and 50 have walked through FIT's doors, including the class that graduated last week at the Social Services building.

"I feel very blessed, not only tonight, but every day of my life, because I was lucky enough that God chose me to be James Worsham's son," Michael told the audience. "He has loved me through good times and bad, and stood beside me and behind me, always."

Michael later turned and hugged his father, who seemed unprepared for the emotional gift from his son.

"I'm really proud of my son Michael," James said. "I'm kind of speechless myself."

Worsham received a certificate marking his participation in the program along with Virginia Beach residents Pablo Martinex, Wesley Waite, Terry Bruce, Craig A. Jones, John Carter, Larry Kelly, Kris Anderson and William McReynolds, and Norfolk's Marvin Hobbs.

Bruce, 25, said he came to FIT in October after realizing that he was growing more and more frustrated with his children, 5-year-old Terry Jr. and 2-year-old Monique.

Some men like Bruce volunteered for FIT, though others are referred there by the Department of Social Services, city court system, and other agencies dealing with child support issues and family-related issues. Program officials won't say how many men are ordered by the court to take part in the classes.

Applicants, though, must be a father or expectant father, and have no history of sexual misconduct involving children.

"I had a quick temper," said Bruce, an Illinois native stationed with the Cinclant Fleet Compound in Norfolk. "Once my son got to be 3 or 4 years old, I'd tell him to do something, and he'd do what he wanted to do. My temper started to flare up.

"After this class, I took a different approach talking to my kids and disciplining them," he said. "I try to understand them more."

FIT sessions involved role playing in which participants were placed in confrontational situations similar to what they might face in the home. Later, the men were asked to discuss how they reacted.

Teaching men to deal with their anger is what differentiates FIT from many family-oriented programs in the Hampton Roads area and nationally because Fathers In Training specifically targets men.

Program coordinator Brian S. Hawkins said he and his staff are trying to create self-sufficient families who no longer will have to look to the government for assistance, a goal outlined in President Bill Clinton's "welfare-to-work" initiative.

Traditionally, women and children have benefited from government programs like welfare, food stamps and Temporary Assistance For Needy Families, leaving men emotionally and financially disenfranchised, and contributing to the widely held view that federal aid has contributed to the destruction of low-income families.

Hawkins said FIT probably wouldn't have survived 10 years ago because the public and legislators simply weren't ready to accept the thought of a men's self-help program.

Also, men weren't as willing to discuss their feelings as they are today. FIT encourages men to speak their minds while reminding them to withhold judgment on another man's experiences.

"You have to create an atmosphere where men are comfortable," Hawkins said. "Men aren't normally comfortable talking about personal issues, like how they have difficulty communicating with their mother's children - we're talking about deep stuff."

That emphasis on changing men's behavior is what drew Michael J. Taylor to the program.

The 43-year-old divorced father of three hopes to be a therapist after retiring from the U.S. Navy in September. He said he signed up for the FIT program to learn counseling skills and "because I have some issues, as they do."

"I feel I got a taste of my own medicine," Taylor said.

"Instead of being on the side of the fence where I facilitate, I'm in the position of being facilitated to. This is going to be absolutely invaluable for young men in the military, because of a lot guys who come in already are fathers and in financial disarray. I can see this has the makings of going nationwide."

Whether than happens nationally or on the state level has yet to be determined, though the state is interested, according to Ron Clark, director of the Virginia Fatherhood Campaign.

The campaign, part of the Virginia Department of Health's child and adolescent division, tracks statistics relating to father absences. For instance, Clark said nearly 25 percent of Virginia households don't have fathers.

FIT, with its emphasis on men taking responsibility for their children, could help change those figures, but Clark said the program has to be "rigorously evaluated" before legislators have their say.

"We can see it works," Clark said. "We need to be able to prove it with numbers. What you want to look for is an increase in fathers providing financial support for their children, and an increase in fathers spending time with their kids."

Hawkins can wait. As long as the city is willing to support FIT, there are more than enough men to fill the classes.

"It's not a cure-all, but the men definitely have more tools than they had when they walked through that door of change," Hawkins said.

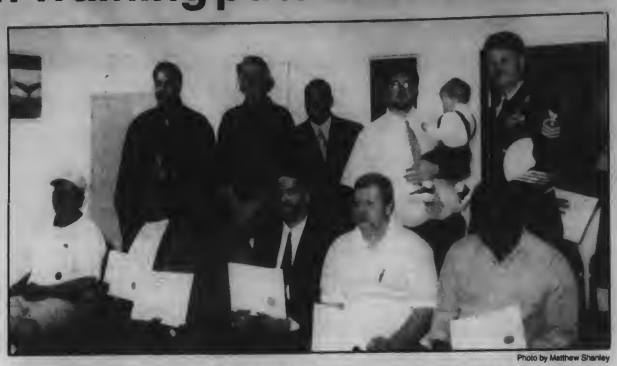

Photo by Matthew Shanley

SPECIAL GRADUATION. Fathers In Training, a program sponsored by the Virginia Beach Department of Social Services, had a graduation ceremony for the "gold class" participants who completed the 20-week course. Pictured, seated from left, are: Pablo Martinez, Wesley White, Terry Bruce, Craig A. Jones and James Worsham, all of Virginia Beach. Standing: John Carter and Larry Kelly of Virginia Beach; counselor Daryl Hawkins; and Kris Anderson and William McReynolds, both of Virginia Beach.

Beach Sunwheelers sweep nationals

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After putting up just four points in the first half of the championship, the point guard exploded for 21 to seal the win over Charlotte.

Wheeler joined teammates Bob Petty and Jody Shiflett on the tournament First Team All-Stars, while Sun Wheelers' center Chuck Berry of Virginia Beach made the second team.

The third time was the charm for Wheeler, who lost to the same Charlotte team as a member of the Richmond Rim Riders in the 1995 national championship game and again last year.

"It was a great feeling with a couple of minutes to go in the game, and here we were, up by eight points," Wheeler, 38, said. "I just knew we couldn't lose this. When the final buzzer went off, it was a wonderful feeling. I've never won anything like this before.

"This was my 14th year, and to get to this level is a great feeling," he said.

Each team member took home trophies and their team picture will be placed in the permanent collection at the National Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

"It's in the books now for generations to come," said Shiflett, who scored 10 points in the championship game. "It's kind of nice to think of it that way."

The Sun Wheelers have a lot to remember about the 1998-99 season. They ended with a 34-3 record, a number one national ranking for the first time in the team's history, and won the Southern Region title en route to the nationals.

Shiflett, though, was the only player who had any basketball experience before coming to the Sun Wheelers. Some of the players like Berry didn't even like the game.

"I did football, soccer and baseball — I couldn't stand basketball," said Berry, who was involved in a train accident as a child. "I wasn't coordinated enough to dribble."

"It was a great feeling with a couple of minutes to go in the game, and here we were, up by eight points."

Joe Wheeler

Berry changed his mind after joining the Sun Wheelers four years ago, primarily because wheelchair basketball can be as punishing as football.

"To me, wheelchair basketball is the most energetic sport anyone with a disability can play," Berry said. "It is a contact sport."

Players constantly collided another as they maneuvered the 17-pound aluminum chairs to get the best position underneath the basket and downcourt during the team's last practice session before the tournament at the Bow Creek Recreation Center. Because league rules allow players to grab another chair in some cases, someone usually ends up on the gym floor.

That happened three times last week, but everyone got back into their chairs with little difficulty.

Play did stop momentarily when a player jerked back and hit Chesapeake's Jeremy Demetris in the kneecap. A few minutes later, Demetris was on court again, hustling after another rebound.

"It's not for everybody, because it's a physical game," said Demetris, a self-employed brick mason. "A lot of people who are disabled don't want to play a game this physical."

Teammate George Holscher, also from Chesapeake, needed to build up his strength before he took to the court.

"When I first started, I couldn't even reach the basket from the foul line, and I used to shoot with two hands," said Holscher, 34, paralyzed when the tractor trailer he was driving flipped over a guardrail in Chesterfield in 1990. "I was real tentative when I first started to play. It took a long time to get used to it."

Holscher and company have come a long way. The Sun Wheelers play during halftime intermission at Old Dominion University men's and women's basketball games, and conduct "mobility awareness classes," talking to young people at area schools about their disabilities.

"We enjoy doing it because it reminds people that our organization is out there," said Shiflett, a health care management major at Old Dominion who lost full use of his legs six years ago in an Army parachuting mishap. "We're disabled, but we're not that bad off."

While disabilities may have brought this team together, a wheelchair doesn't limit what it can do.

That's especially true for Wheeler, who works full time for the Social Security Administration and then comes home to coach peewee basketball and T-ball at the Arrowhead Point of View Recreation Center.

"Just because you have a disability doesn't mean you have to be left out of what society has to offer," he said. "It doesn't matter if it's an able-bodied championship or a wheelchair championship. It's something special, and I'll always remember this weekend."

The rest of the team is comprised of Russell Scott of Poquoson; and Anthony Russo and Mike Hill of Virginia Beach.

The team is currently trying to raise money to pay for rings commemorating their national championship.

Donations may be sent to Sun Wheelers, 4164 Virginia Beach Blvd., Suite 100, Virginia Beach, 23452. The organization also publishes a quarterly newsletter.

Fair housing talk set

The latest information on the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act (VRLTA) and fair housing will be provided by guest speaker John G. "Chip" Dicks at the annual review on Monday, April 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Executive Center, Greenwich Rd. in Virginia Beach.

Dicks, president of FutureLaw, will review up to the minute case law that affects the apartment industry. One of the area's most informed and entertaining speakers on this topic, he has helped hundreds of industry members protect themselves and their companies over the years.

The cost is $60 for Tidewater Multifamily Housing Council (TMHC) members and sponsors, and $80 for non-TMHC members. Fee includes a continental breakfast, lunch, handouts and an updated copy of the VRLTA booklet.

Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 14. To register contact Cindy Matthews, 420-2434.

All hail, King Neptune

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will be free concerts at three stages during the festival.

A special treat this year will feature both the Navy Blue Angels and the Canadian Snowbirds precision air teams. And of course the fireworks show is a traditional part of the festival. Most of the activities at the festival are free and open to the public.

The first festival occurred in 1974 as a way to culminate a successful summer season and to celebrate the heritage of Virginia Beach, according to Nancy Creech, president of the Neptune Festival.

Creech was involved with the very first festival and has seen it grow over the years.

"Now the event takes a whole year to plan because it has become so big," she said. Still, she look forward to the festival every year. "It's a celebration that helps bring the city together and helps us to establish our identity," said Creech.

Adams looks forward to the festival. His reign marches the festival into its 26 year of existence.

"It's been a wonderful 25 years and we look forward to the next 25 years," he said.

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Civil War history

The 3rd Virginia Infantry and the Lynnhaven House will present a Civil War historical encampment April 17 and 18.

The Third Virginia represents a local regiment of the 1860s. Military drill, manual of arms and the life of the soldier are some of the events scheduled for this weekend.

A civilian camp will also be presented to show the life of the people of the era.

The 17th-century Lynnhaven House will be open for touring on Saturday and Sunday. Tour hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

Also planned for Saturday evening is a candlelight tour of the camp. Various historical events will be presented. Tours are scheduled for 7, 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Be careful, there are federal troops in the woods.

There will be a nominal admission charge for both the day and evening tours.

Bayside then, now

A program and reception will be held on Saturday, June 5 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Bayside Elementary honoring almost 60 years of history. Alumni, current and past faculty and guests are invited to share in marking Bayside's past, present and future. Reservations are required. If interested in attending call 460-7585 between 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. and leave a name and phone number and reason for the call.

Casino Night

The Knights of Columbus, Council 4632 will hold its Spring Fling Casino Night Gala to kick off the annual fund drive at the Council Hall on Saturday, April 10 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Hors d'oeuvres and libations will be served to compliment an evening of gaming and door prizes. All funds raised go directly to benefit the developmentally challenged.

Jazz it up!

See the Atlantic Fleet Jazz Ensemble in concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 11 at the Cape Henry Collegiate School Perry Family Auditorium led by Musician First Class Ron Davis, this big band performs standards and contemporary hits from bandleaders such as Duke Ellington, Count Bassie and Brian Setzer. This concert is free. The school is located at 1320 Mill Dam Road.

K-9 Karnival

It's time again for the Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation K-9 Karnival. Redwing Park will be hosting the event on Sunday, April 18 from noon to 5 p.m. Events include the eighth annual Dog-Gonest Show (begins at noon): judging categories include tail wagging, owner/dog look alike, barking and K-9 tricks; the 22nd annual Friskies Alpo canine Frisbee disc championships starting at 2 p.m.; demonstrations by the Virginia Beach Police Department K-9 Unit, the Harrier Jump Jets Flyball Team and the Family Dog Club "Agility At Its Best"; exhibits and information; and festival foods.

All dogs are eligible to participate. Rabies inoculations, leashes and cleanup supplies are required. For more information call, 471-5884.

VWC Open House

Virginia Wesleyan College will host its annual Spring Open House on Saturday, April 10 for high school juniors and seniors and their families to learn more about the college, tour the campus and meet the faculty.

The day-long event begins with registration and refreshments from 9 to 9:30 a.m. in the Cunningham Gymnasium. President William T. Greer Jr. and other faculty and staff members will greet guests and discuss academic programs, financial aid, extracurricular activities and the social life of the college.

There is no charge for the lunch or other events. Students and parents interested in attending should make reservations by calling the Admissions Office, 455-3208, or 1-800-737-8684.

Home-based biz

The Virginia Cooperative Extension Offices of Chesapeake, Norfolk and Virginia Beach are offering an area home-based business conference.

The conference will be held Friday, April 30 at the Holiday Inn Greenbrier, 725 Woodlake Dr. Participants will learn about "What it takes to start a home-based business," "Record keeping and taxes," "Marketing your product," "Legal issues," "Developing a business plan," and Sources of financing."

A $25 registration fee will be charged to cover lunch and resource materials. To receive registration information contact the Chesapeake Extension office at 382-6349 Norfolk Office, 683-2816; or Virginia Beach office, 427-4769. The registration deadline is April 23.

Va. Beach reaps rewards of economic plan/vision

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

It took some time to line up all its chess pieces just right — as City Manager James K. Spore said, it takes a long time to make things happen — but the city's investment has started to pay off.

During a report on Economic Development and Tourism Marketing in Virginia Beach Tuesday at a City Council briefing, all the news was good. The city appears to be winning its game of economic development and tourism development. And teamwork, a big investment and people made it possible, said Spore.

Spore, Economic Development director Don Maxwell and Convention and Tourism Development Director James Ricketts, along with the city's advertising agency, Barker, Campbell, Farley and Mansfield were ecstatic as they reported on the strides the city has made.

Expansion Management Magazine named Virginia Beach among America's top hottest cities for business relocation and expansion.

Outlook Magazine placed Virginia Beach among the top 25 cities in the U.S. in which to live and conduct business.

Money and Ladies Home Journal gave Hampton Roads and Virginia Beach top marks among a blue chip list of best places to live.

The term "record breaking" continued to resurface in relation to economic development and tourism.

In 1998, more than $168 million was put into new capital investment in the city, which is twice as much as in the three previous years combined.

More overnight visitors than ever before — 2.7 million — spent more money than ever before — $568 million — in Virginia Beach tourism.

And remember all that talk about making Virginia Beach a year-round destination? It's getting there.

Said Ricketts, the tourism growth during the year was based on the increase in visitors during the fall and spring of the year — Booked room nights increased dramatically September through May — September was up 7.7 percent, October up 11 percent and April up 18.8 percent. More than half of the 1998 visitors traveled to the beach between December and May.

Maxwell said that every dollar of economic development incentive program grant money awarded yielded $42 in new capital investment — every $600 spent in grant funds resulted in one new full-time job.

According to Maxwell, the city's investment in economic development is paying handsome returns.

During the year 22 new companies located in the city and 28 businesses were expanded accounting for a total of 6,510 new or retained jobs with an average salary of $42,500. The salary is the key, according to Maxwell. He said that "we know the types of businesses we're after and we're not afraid to say no."

He said the city is getting its fair share of the good economic times. He said that 70 percent of the business growth in Hampton Roads is in Virginia Beach but added, "What's good for Virginia Beach is also good for the region."

As to why businesses choose Virginia Beach, Maxwell said that Geico chose to expand here because of the available workforce with a great work ethic and fast-track permitting and construction.

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Spring's spell special to Flynn

False Cape's most enthusiastic fan marks Mother Nature's return

By Bob Ruegsegger
Correspondent

When English poet Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote "In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," he had Locksley Hall in mind rather than Virginia Beach's False Cape State Park.

Tennyson wrote of "the curlew's call" and "hollow ocean ridges roaring into cataracts."

For False Cape Flynn, Tennyson's vivid seashore imagery conjures up sparkling recollections of his seasonal adventures in one of Virginia's most unique state parks.

While Flynn also relishes visiting False Cape State Park in the winter, fall and summer, there is something a little extraordinary in a visit in the early spring of the year.

Clearly, Flynn loves False Cape in the spring.

Like the giant Antaeus in Greek mythology, he draws his strength from Mother Earth — nature. As long as Antaeus had his feet on the ground in contact with his mother, he had superhuman strength; he was invincible.

Antaeus fell victim to Hercules after the hero discovered Anataeus' secret. Hercules simply lifted Antaeus from the ground until his power faded and easily strangled the helpless giant.

Seeing Flynn roam through the park habitat gives one the impression that he draws energy from the place itself, and separating him from his beloved False Cape for an extended period would probably enfeeble his vivacious spirit.

It certainly wouldn't be a welcome sight.

While Flynn might survive without the park, he simply couldn't be content without his weekly treks along its quiet trails.

Simply put, without False Cape State Park, he wouldn't really be False Cape Flynn.

No way.

Spring at False Cape is extra special for him. Flynn is even more animated than normal. His energy level seems heightened, his gait is a step or two quicker, and his eyes dance behind his spectacles.

The seasonal changes that most people simply take for granted tend to thrill him.

"The change from the dormancy of winter to the regeneration of spring is a kind of rebirth for me," Flynn acknowledged.

"It's early spring now, and within a couple of weeks you'll see the flowers of the wild cherries," he observed. "It impresses me every time I see it.

"A lot of the other trees are also going to be budding within the next few weeks, and you'll see an array of spring wildflowers," he added.

"We didn't see too much of spring today. Maybe it was a little bit early," Flynn speculated. "But we saw buds just sprouting.

"Pine trees flower just like every tree flowers. We saw those flowers coming out, and the pine cones just beginning to emerge."

Just thinking about False Cape seems to accelerate Flynn's pulse, and keeping up with him after he actually sets foot on the park grounds is a lot like keeping up with a hyperactive kid — simply impossible.

Like Tennyson, he is no stranger

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Photo by Bob Ruegsegger

HIS FINDINGS. False Cape Flynn loves to trek the trails of the state park from which he earned his moniker. Along the way he found the skull of a deer and assorted bones.

Growth meets expectations, but what impact would war have?

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

Over the past three years E. Dean Block, director of management and the budget, has said that revenue growth will average 4 to 6 percent growth, "unless," he said, "there is a recession or a war."

The forecast for the upcoming budget year is good, he said Tuesday at the first of a series of budget workshops — better than good because revenue growth is expected to be 5.4 percent while the average over the past six-year period was 4.7 percent.

But, said Councilman Louis R. Jones, "We might have a war. As I recall, Desert Storm had an impact on the taxes."

Block said that at that time, the city was expecting revenue growth to be as low as 1.2 percent, but that it was hard to separate what was due to the recession and what was due to the Gulf War.

"If I had to hazard a guess," he said, "if there is a massive deployment from here in the short run, (the city will realize) a $12-14 million revenue decline (in such items as the sales tax, business license tax personal property tax (nobody buys cars, real estate transfers, and so on)."

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Jones suggested that the city use some caution.

Councilman Harold Heischober, an automobile dealer during the Gulf War, said that his company experienced a 10-percent sales decline.

When the budget was put together, Block said, the staff did not know which direction the Balkan situation would take.

Among the good signs, Block said, are the improved real estate market — assessments are higher and houses being built now are more expensive, and the steady tourism-related revenue growth.

Also contributing to the good news are the lottery funds which will be used for the school modernization program — these funds are not in the proposed budget but go directly to the schools — and the house bill 599 funds — $9,7645,000 for safety and corrections. Block said that it would be unwise and unnecessary to commit these funds, which will be used for one-time capital costs, to operating expenses, such as salaries.

Discussion centered on the E-911 service. Councilwoman Barbara Henley said that she was not sure about the services the public receives for this tax which started at 45 cents a month per phone line. She said that citizens could be get-.

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CRIME LINE TELETHON

'Paying' it safe

A woman is murdered on a city street in late evening. Police know several witnesses were in the vicinity during the incident but haven't reported their sighting of the crime.

A man is found dead slumped over the wheel of his car — the victim of foul play. Police have no leads.

A gunman is targeting area convenience stores for armed robbery. Police have videotapes of the suspect in action yet no clue as to his identity.

In all of these cases someone may have much needed information from which the police could benefit. The problem is that potential witnesses fear revealing their identities.

Thanks to Crime Line, witnesses can do the law a favor and benefit from a cash reward, should tips lead to arrest, while maintaining anonymity. Rewards are paid to the tipsters from private donations to the program, never state or city funds.

Success is proven. Over the years, Crime Line in Hampton Roads has resulted in the recovery of more than $24 million in stolen property and illegal drugs with a conviction rate of more than 97 percent of those arrested through Crime Line tips.

Now is the public's chance to help the program in a different way.

For the 15th time, civilian organizers and volunteers will gather with their police counterparts for the Greater Hampton Roads Crime Line Telethon. This year's broadcast will air Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. on WVEC-TV 13. The program will be hosted by news reporters LaSalle Banks and Brittney Suddith and will feature other statistics and success stories from Crime Lines and Crime Solvers programs throughout the region.

The annual broadcast is the centerpiece of financial support for Crime Line and Crime Solver programs in Hampton Roads. According to Mary Brock, 1999 telethon chair, "Many people mistakenly think this is a police project. Crime Line is administered by private donations from concerned individuals and companies. And all the money raised in Hampton Roads for Crime Line stays here in the area to support local programs."

Anyone who may have witnessed a crime is asked to call the line toll-free, 1-888-LOCK-U-UP. The Greater Hampton Roads Crime Line Telethon supports programs in Chesapeake, Hampton, James City County, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, Williamsburg and York County.

Phone lines will be open until the final total is announced at 11 p.m.Tune in, dig deep and pay up to help Crime Line and Hampton Roads play it safe. — V.E.H.

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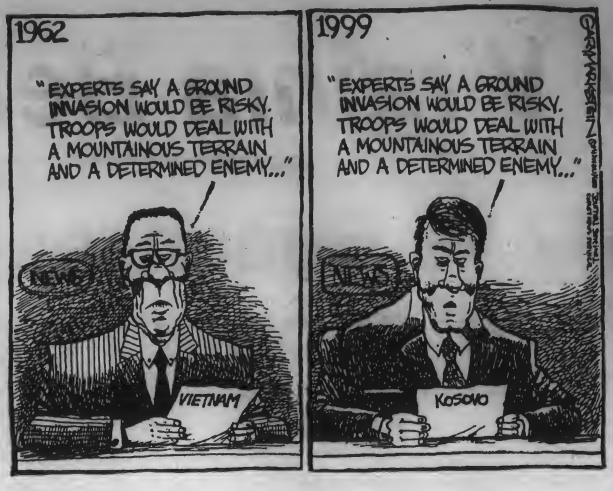

Law helps small businesses with loans

By Gov. Jim Gilmore

My fellow Virginians, since the first small business opened its doors in Jamestown back in 1607, the commonwealth of Virginia has served as a gateway of economic opportunity for the entire nation.

Virginia's entrepreneurial spirit and abundance of natural resources have allowed families and small businesses to prosper here for centuries. That tradition continues today as we enter into a new century.

Virginia's small businesses are making a huge impact here and abroad. Not long ago, giant information technology companies such as America Online were small start up firms, struggling to succeed in the state and national marketplace.

Today, America Online, Orbital Sciences, UUNet, and many other former small businesses are known throughout the world and are expanding their facilities in Northern Virginia and all around the commonwealth.

I am proud to have taken an active role in keeping those companies here in the commonwealth as they have expanded.

Nearly 100,00 businesses in the state have five or fewer employees. These workers are among the most dedicated and productive in the commonwealth, and I salute their significant contribution to Virginia's growing economy.

Small businesses play a vital role in Virginia's communities through the workers they employ and the leadership they provide.

Many Virginia small businesses have expressed the need for a quality workforce to fill new jobs. When surveyed by the state chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), one-third of business owners stated that they were planning to hire one or more people during the next year.

However, the same small business owners told the surveyors that one of the greatest problems they face is finding qualified employees.

I am taking action now to meet this need and bring more economic growth to every region of Virginia by establishing the Virginia Workforce Council and related local workforce investment boards.

The council and its boards will achieve a one-stop service delivery of numerous training, education and employment programs into a single, customer-friendly system.

I intend to ensure that job seekers, policymakers, and large and small business executives have the information needed to navigate the labor market of the 21st century successfully.

Virginia's small business community is ethnically and economically diverse and makes up more than half of the commonwealth's workforce. But small business owners often fail to qualify for traditional bank loans and therefore cannot expand or buy the office or industrial equipment necessary to conform to the needs of the market.

I am happy to report that the 1999 General Assembly approved the creation of a Capital Access Fund for Disadvantaged Businesses, which will guarantee much-needed investment loans to small businesses.

The ability to get these loans will help small businesses become competitive in the marketplace and contribute to the local and state economies, thereby benefiting all Virginians.

As part of the Capital Access Fund program, I have created the Partnering-for-Success plan in which state workers with the Department of Minority Business Enterprise take the initiative and reach out to small business owners with advice on financial planning and technical assistance.

We are also increasing the number of Enterprise Zones in the commonwealth. Businesses located in these zones qualify for tax credits and extra economic development incentives.

I expect to sign legislation that will provide an opportunity to assist those areas of Virginia that have the greatest need for economic growth and workforce enhancement. This will help all Virginians from all backgrounds and regions start businesses of their own.

Small businesses contribute so much to the commonwealth. Many of the 30,000 new jobs and $1 billion in economic investment we announced in my first year as governor are in small businesses.

Those impressive accomplishments are the result of our state's business friendly environment, dedicated workforce, superior infrastructure and unparalleled quality of life.

As governor I will continue with conservative economic policies that have helped Virginia's businesses — large and small — thrive as we enter into the new millennium.

Manuveuring the new MacArthur Center

Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

I admit it. I broke down and went to the new mall.

My willpower could only last so long.

After waiting for the initial opening clamor to die down, Evan suggested we head on down to MacArthur Center on Saturday for a little family togetherness time.

Seeing as how these occasions are rare, with both of us working and tending to 5-month-old Mitch, I agreed.

Like all family outings now, we had to arm ourselves with an arsenal — bottles, baby food, diapers, toys, extra change of clothes and stroller — before piling into the car.

Next I dressed Mitch in one of his cutest outfits and told him to be a good boy. Then we headed out.

Driving to the mall, I was struck by the sheer size of MacArthur Center. Huge does not begin to describe it. The parking garage alone is massive and something to maneuver.

In fact, we couldn't even find the entrance to the parking deck until we had driven entirely around the mall. The trip gave us a good look at downtown Norfolk and how much it has changed since the mall was built.

I hardly recognized the stomping grounds of my youth.

Once parked, we got the stroller out and Mitch strapped in. We made our way to the second-floor mall entrance.

Then we emerged into the mall.

I'm a shopper — a big shopper — but even this monster three-story mall had me gasping. Where to begin? "So many stores and so little time," I thought.

I had to promise Evan I would maintain control of the checkbook, no matter how many pretty things caught my eye.

Then we hit store after store. Mitch wasn't so much interested in the shopping as much as all the excitement going on around him.

With thousands of people milling around, there was plenty to entertain him. But mostly he stared up at the skylight with his big baby blues, smiling every now and then when fellow shoppers bent down to tell him what a cute baby he is. (Of course, this made Mom proud.)

I had yet to spend a dime.

I lost count of the stores after the first dozen, but once inside Dillard's I knew there was no way I could resist shopping.

I flashed my store credit card and got to work.

While all the gorgeous spring fashions were appealing, I knew where I wanted to spend my money — the children's department. Once you get to be a mother, you take more joy in dressing your little ones than yourself.

Though Mitch is too little to give his approval, I think he liked the tiny outfits I bought him. Mostly sports related (with appliques of golfers and such), Dad nodded approvingly but admonished me again not to go hog wild.

I managed tremendous restraint.

From there we visited several home decorating stores, where we sucked in our breath at the awesome displays and prices.

At another upscale department store (I won't mention the name but it's known for its quality and prices), Evan and I visited just to gawk.

Gawk we did. Stepping out of the elevator into the ladies department, a pastel-colored cotton shirt caught me eye. I fingered the pricetag — $98.

For $98 it should wash, dry and iron itself.

We meandered around the store a little bit more, pausing every now and then to drool over the expensive clothes, before emerging into the mall again. The food court was beckoning to our rumbling stomachs.

Lines 25-people deep snaked here and there. One hamburger eatery had, by my estimation, about 150 people waiting to get in. Evan picked the shortest line (Italian food) while Mitch and I trekked off to find a table.

We were lucky. It only took five minutes. Then we settled in and waited for Dad to return with the grub.

We all dined, including Mitch (who had a bottle and some strained peas and peaches), before heading to the last stores.

Fortified, I had a renewed spirit for shopping. I hit a couple more kiddie stores and got Mitch more clothes (this baby is going to be one well-dressed fellow).

By 5 p.m. even I, a seasoned shopper, was whipped. We called it quits and headed to the car.

As we waited in line to get out of the parking deck, Evan marveled at my great spending restraint. Neither he nor I had purchased anything for ourselves.

It was a feat in itself.

Our post-shopping assessment of the new mall was that it was a nice place to visit, but we'll stick with our traditional shopping haunts. MacArthur Center, while beautiful, is really just another mall that entails a whole lot of walking.

But it was great for a family get together, which was the whole purpose for our trip anyway.

We hear of the enemy, but where is it?

Well, the two superpowers of the U.S. and Great Britain — plus 17 other countries — have been at war with Yugoslavia for several weeks.

The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

The bombings of Kosovo began a week ago and, at the time this column was written, Belgrade was under attack and so far the enemy has not surrendered.

Speaking of the enemy, where are they?

The television screen has been filled with pictures of refugees, yet I have not seen one enemy soldier, ship or airplane. I have not seen any refugees being herded aboard trains or being shot, but that doesn't mean that it isn't happening because the refugees are running from something.

I suspect that in addition to the government soldiers they are also running from the bombs that are being dropped on their cities. It is a shame that a misguided lunatic like Milosevic can cause so much misery to so many people. Of course, poor judgment on the part of NATO and especially Bill Clinton has not helped the matter.

Recently Clinton said, "Ending this tragedy is a moral imperative." This is a strange statement coming from a man who has no morals. If people trusted Clinton, perhaps his every move wouldn't be questioned. Frankly, I wouldn't believe thing he said even if I knew he was telling the truth.

Anyway, they have three of our soldiers and it is now time to stop the bombings and invade Yugoslavia like it was D-Day. Let the paratroopers drop from the skies and let the Marines and Army hit the beach.

The first objective should be to capture Milosevic and bring him back for trial as a war criminal with a tendency toward genocidal madness. It will take years and a lot of money to help those refugees back home to a life of normalcy, if that is possible.

Helping people is where the U.S. takes a position second to none. I'm sure that will be true in this case with the refugees, but helping them by bombing them makes no sense whatsoever. Perhaps we can learn a lesson from all of this. If we had been fortunate enough to have had a president that we could have trusted perhaps things would have been different.

All of my life I have supported Harry Truman's decision to drop the atomic bomb during World War II. But it must be on my conscience, too, that thousands of men, women and children were incinerated when that happened. What a wonderful world it would be if there were no bombs.

Welcome to the real world.

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Get in touch and stay in touch with your Virginia Beach

The system's core covers contact information for all city departments and is arranged by the city's business areas.

The city of Virginia Beach Video Services Department has initiated a new messaging system that is airing around the clock on VBTV cable Channel 46 and between regularly scheduled programs on Channels 47 and 48. It is still called "In Touch with Virginia Beach."

The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf

The system's core covers contact information for all city departments and is arranged by the city's business areas. Within these areas there is information about the departments and divisions, what they do for you, the citizen, and how to reach them.

Information was gathered from city departments, citizen requests and viewer surveys, to help determine what information was most desired by viewers. This information drove the structure for "In Touch with Virginia Beach," and determined its full scope. The new system's size enables us to provide much greater amounts of information than the previous system.

For instance, do you need to know what is on the lunch menu at your child's school next Tuesday, or do you want to know when the City Council meeting will re-air, or are you just looking for some wholesome fun for the family this weekend?

All this and more can be found on "In Touch with Virginia Beach." Check the menu section for public school breakfast and lunch menus; the VBTV schedule will list air times for meetings; the Happenings topic includes fun, social activities for the whole family and the Enrichments category offers things that are fun, but provide a learning experience too.

Some of the other topics offered are: listings of City Council and School Board members; regularly scheduled public meetings, their times and locations: general public school information; and crime and crisis information. Information about paid and volunteer positions for the city and schools, and preparing in advance for weather emergencies are available, and of high interest to the public, "In Touch with Virginia Beach" also list air times for the regularly scheduled information topics on Channel 48, as well as program schedules for VBTV cable Channels 47 and 48.

All of these topics and much more are available just by tuning in.

The "In Touch with Virginia Beach" message system is a valuable customer service innovation, providing basic, necessary information to the public in an easily accessible format. In turn, the accessibility of this information frequently eliminates the need for citizens to directly contact the government, making front line workers available to respond to more complex requests and citizen needs.

I am proud of the enhanced service and feel it is an essential way to meeting citizens' needs. So stay in touch by tuning in to VBTV cable Channel 46 and get "In Touch with Virginia Beach." Virginia Beach Television-Channel 46 is general text-based information and airs 24 hours a day covering a wide variety of topics.

These categories air daily at scheduled times:

- Crisis and crime information, 1 p.m. and 1 a.m.;
- Enrichments, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.;
- Happenings, 10 a.m. and 11 p.m.;
- "Join Our Team" employment and volunteer opportunities, 7 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.
- Public notices, 2 p.m. and 12 midnight;
- School breakfast/lunch menus, 6 a.m. and 7 p.m.;
- School information, 8:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.; and
- VBTV schedules, noon and 6 p.m.

Optimist Club conducts oratorical contest here

"Optimism in My Life" is the 1999 topic of the Optimist International Annual Oratorical Contests, sponsored locally by the Optimist Club of Virginia Beach.

Any boy or girl in public, private or parochial school who has not reached the age of 16 years prior to or on Jan. 1, may compete, according to Donald B. Beaman, club chairman for the event. Boys and girls compete separately and the local club will select a first, second and third place winner in each division, and the first place boy winner and the first place girl winner will compete in zone and district competitions.

The first place district girl and first place district boy winner will each receive a $1,500 college scholarship to the school of their choice, payable when they enter college.

Optimist International is one of the largest and most active service organizations, with more than 130,000 members in 35,000 Optimist Clubs Internationally, most of which serve their communities in the United States, Canada and the Carribean. Carrying the motto "Friend of Youth," Optimist Clubs conduct service projects which reach five million young people each year.

All speeches must be original and the time allowed for each speech will be not under four nor over five minutes in length. All entrants will compete at the local contest on Saturday, April 14 beginning at 8 a.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church. A light breakfast will be served. Parents are invited to attend. A panel of Virginia Beach civic and business leaders will serve as judges.

For further information, contact Donald B. Beaman, 716-2618 or Lynn Christian, 670-9041.

Cruisin' Virginia Beach gets revved this weekend

Oceanfront events promises to start your motor

You've asked for it and now you're going to get it...a new cruisin' location. Start the year off with an "early bird" cruisin' event, so get the dust off the tires and those engines cranking. Join in the fun as a participant or spectator at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront at Cruisin' Virginia Beach April 9-11.

Feast your eyes on some of the hottest cars at the 10th Street parking lot (located off Pacific Avenue). Friday, Saturday and Sunday, check out these one-of-a-kind cars from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the 19th Street parking lot (nominal fee to see display). Participants and spectators alike can join the wacky games and enjoy live entertainment. Special souvenir dash plaques to the first 300 to register in advance. Lots of trophies and door prizes to be given out all weekend long.

Don't forget about the controlled "Burn Outs" — a tire "smoking" contest at the 18th Street parking lot (located off Pacific Avenue). Blow off some steam from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the "Burn Outs" (no admission charge, limited bleacher seats available). There are plenty of opportunities to see these masterful vintage cars.

The Boardwalk Cruise will take place Friday at 5 p.m. Join in the fun at Cruisin' Virginia Beach as a participant and/or spectator. Register today. Call 410-798-6304 and ask for more details on how to get involved with Cruisin' Virginia Beach.

Up close and personal

Marcella Martin: Volunteer in Education

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

Marcella Martin has made her mark on Kempsville Meadows Elementary School in more ways than one.

Physically, her creative talents are displayed on hallway walls.

Intangibly, she puts smiles on the faces of the school's students and faculty and helps staff save valuable time with a number of tasks.

More schools could use a Marcella Martin, a tireless volunteer who spends as much time donating her energies as she would at a paying job.

A native Ohioan, Martin is Kempsville Meadows Elementary's Volunteer in Education for the 1999-2000 school year. She'll be honored for her work April 22 during a city-wide recognition ceremony and again at the school on April 29.

Volunteering comes naturally for Martin, who began when her now-20-year-old son was just a second grader.

"We were living in the Hawaii at the time," said Martin, wife of a Marine, "and my son had started school. I didn't have any other kids so I decided I would help out at school."

First Martin called the boy's school to see if they needed her services. They said "yes" and she has been at it ever since.

"I started by going three days a week, where I helped tutor the kids, correct papers or put up displays," she said. "It became a normal thing for me."

Even when she was pregnant with her daughter, now 7, Martin kept at it.

"It was fun for the kids because they would watch my stomach grow," she smiled.

When the couple was transferred to a base in Japan, Martin returned to volunteering as when her daughter entered kindergarten. In fact, the school in Okinawa honored her as its Volunteer of the Year, an accolade not normally presented to a parent.

The Martins were transferred again a couple of years ago, this time to Virginia Beach.

You can't keep a good woman down, especially Martin, so she volunteered her services yet again. Kempsville Meadows Elementary (which daughter Pamela attends) was eager to have her.

"I didn't know how the school would feel about having a parent here all the time," Martin reminisced, "but last year I logged in 700 hours."

Today Martin is a fixture at the school on Edwin Drive. She has already topped her volunteer time from last year, giving more than 1,135 hours.

"I've only missed 15 days this year and that's because I was sick," she said.

Martin has been at the school every day since the first day of school in September. She generally stays from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Because she doesn't drive, Martin usually walks the mile to school while her daughter rides the bus.

Her spirit is indefatigable.

"I always say that if it gets to the point where it's no fun, then I'll go and get put on the payroll," she smiled. "I have a very understanding husband who said I didn't have to work if I didn't want to and that he would support me. So that's what I'm doing."

A PTA board member, Martin is organizing the school's bicycle rodeo coming up later this month. In addition, she puts together about 95 percent of the art displays around the school.

Martin does much of the work at home handcrafting borders for boards and displays. She said her most creative moments come in the evening.

She also helps the teachers and staff with copying and filing, tutoring two first graders and assisting in math classes.

"They keep me busy, but I love it," said Martin. "Basically, I help out wherever it's needed. I tell you what — they make me sound like I walk on water!"

Martin was overwhelmed at being named the Kempsville Meadows' Volunteer of the Year. It's an honor she never thought about earning.

"But that's not why I do it," she explained. "I like it because I love the kids. I like to see it when they show their parents their work and say, 'Hey, that's my picture up on the wall!'"

Even when daughter Pamela transitions to junior high next year, Martin plans to keep on volunteering at her adopted school.

"It's a good feeling to be here because the parents appreciate it," she said. "When I was absent in January for two weeks they sent me a card and called to check up on me. They don't treat me like a volunteer; they treat me as a friend. I'll keep doing this until it's no more fun."

Martin's greatest desire is to see more parents take as strong an interest in their children's education by volunteering.

"Even if it's just for an hour a week or even a month," she said. "The kids see the same faces all the time, but they need some new ones."

Martin is also room mother for her daughter's fifth-grade class. She is chairman of the PTA Juvenile Protection Committee and accompanies classes on field trips.

Name: Marcella Martin.

What brought you to this area: My husband is in the U.S. Marine Corps. Transferred here from Okinawa, Japan.

Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio.

Age: 42.

Nickname: Marcie. A lot of people have a hard time saying or remembering Marcella.

Occupation: Homemaker and proud of it.

Marital Status: I have been married 21 years, almost 22.

Children: Joseph, 20, works for the *Virginian-Pilot*; Pamela, 11, is a student at Kempsville Meadows Elementary.

Favorite movies: "Titanic" and "Jurassic Park."

Magazines I read regularly: *Reader's Digest* and craft magazines.

Favorite author: Stephen King.

Favorite night out on the town: Quiet dinner and a good movie.

Favorite restaurant: Chi Chi's.

Favorite meal: Cincinnati Chili over spaghetti and Diet Pepsi.

What most people don't know about me: I do not drive. Most of the time I walk to school to volunteer.

Best thing about myself: I know how to stretch a dollar.

Worst habit: When I get nervous I twirl my hair around my finger.

Pets: A dog named Maggie.

Hobbies: I like to do needlepoint, read and make crafts for other people.

Ideal vacation: Taking a cruise with my husband.

Pet peeves: I have to have a clean house.

First job: Working at McDonald's.

Least liked job: Working at McDonald's.

Favorite sports team: San Francisco 49ers.

Favorite musician: Reba McIntyre.

Most embarrassing moment: Going shopping at the commissary, opening my checkbook and not having any checks.

How I would like to be remembered: As a nice person who cared about other people and helped others when they needed it.

If I received $1 million: I would help my family and the school.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would talk about how people could give a few hours of their time to help the schools and the children would love it.

Cultural vitality adds fuel to Beach economic development

While many cities on the East Coast may fizzle in winter weather gloom, Virginia Beach awakens in a blaze of azalea and dogwood blossoms during one of the most exciting cultural extravaganzas in the country.

The Third Annual Virginia Waterfront International Arts Festival, April 9 through May 9, welcomes internationally-acclaimed artists from around the world, featuring classics along with contemporary works.

Cultural vitality is just one reason why Virginia Beach is known for its exceptional quality of life. With more than 200 arts and cultural organizations, Virginia Beach's commitment to arts and cultural education is evidenced by the 95,000 square foot Central Library, a 32,00 square foot $7.5 million Center for the Arts, and the 20,000-seat Virginia Beach Amphitheater.

In addition, the Virginia Marine Science Museum, which recently completed a $35 million expansion, is one of the most visited aquariums in the nation.

Classical music, jazz, ballet, modern dance and music theater are among the offerings at this year's festival, including performances by the Russian National Ballet, Boys Choir of Harlem, Ballet Hispanico, Virginia Opera and the Virginia International Tattoo, the festival's signature event.

Special performances by the National Symphony Orchestra and the Virginia Symphony (with guest artists from orchestras around the globe) will celebrate the 300th Anniversary of the city of Williamsburg and the 50th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

"Art of Glass," a blockbuster exhibition and first-of-its-kind collaboration between the Chrysler Museum of Art and the Contemporary Art Center in Virginia Beach, adds a new visual arts component to the festival this year. The exhibit brings together several world-renowned contemporary glass artists, including art glass superstar, Dale Chihuly.

In her State of the City speech, Virginia Beach Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf, said that maintaining quality of life is one of the most important objectives in the city's vision. Commitment to enriching the lives of its citizens, coupled with a favorable and cooperative business environment, is a winning combination that continues to fuel business growth and expansion.

Beach schools embark on self-assessment program

The Virginia Beach school system will soon embark on a comprehensive internal evaluation program called "control self-assessment" in the language of industry.

The self-assessment will have three objectives:

■ To improve the operational efficiency and effectiveness of the district's major processes;

■ To improve the organizational structure of the district to achieve increased responsiveness and management effectiveness; and

■ To identify data and information requirements relevant to the development of a comprehensive technology solution.

According to Robert Sampieri, director of K-12 education for PricewaterhouseCoopers, Virginia Beach may be the first school system in the country to use control self-assessment on a voluntary basis. Sampieri, who will serve as a technical advisor to Virginia Beach schools for the start-up process, noted that typically his firm is hired to conduct formal reviews when a school system is experiencing difficulties in identifying cost savings and/or better ways of providing services.

"Virginia Beach is the only school district that I know of that has felt secure enough to initiate the process and to involve its staff members."

Robert Sampieri, PricewaterhouseCoopers

Sampieri recently led a performance review of the Philadelphia school district for the Pennsylvania House appropriations committee.

"Virginia Beach is the only school district that I know of that has felt secure enough to initiate the process and to involve its staff members. I understand the school system is adhering to the Malcolm Baldrige continuous improvement process and this kind of self-examination falls right in line with that philosophy," says Sampieri.

The self-assessment Virginia Beach-style will involve consultants, a community representative, the superintendent's Cabinet as the steering committee, and staff members working together. A community leader, Ken Palmer, will serve as chairman of the effort. Palmer is a retired managing partner for the Norfolk office of the international accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers. In that capacity, his clients have included a number of municipal governments, such as Norfolk, Suffolk, Hampton, Newport News and Henrico County.

Superintendent Dr. Timothy R. Jenney made the decision to move ahead with control self-assessment. "In the public sector it is often difficult to reengineer because we are absent the pressure of a profit motive. But efficiency and effectiveness must drive our management practices if we are to be truly responsive to our clients and our community. In today's environment, need always far outweighs available resources. If we are to maximize our resources, we must turn the same kind of attention to our bottom line that the private sector has been doing for hundreds of years," says Jenney.

The next step will be for the cabinet, the superintendent's leadership team, to identify major operational processes as pilot projects. The cabinet consists of the associate superintendent for curriculum and instruction, the assistant superintendents for school administration, accountability and technology, administrative support services and media and communications development; and the chief financial officer and executive assistants to the superintendent.

Here is how the process will work.

The cabinet will identify the operational units that will participate in the self-assessment project. A team of auditors, consisting of Palmer and identified staff members, will evaluate selected processes that are critical to the department's mission. Liabilities and assets of the processes will be identified as will performance measurement standards and application schedules for each process.

The team will help the department develop corrective actions that have a high probability of improving the service. Corrective action, for example, could include elimination of the work process, redistribution to other operational units, consolidation, redesign of the process, outsourcing or application of technological solutions.

The team would assist the department in development of an implementation schedule and identification of staff responsibilities.

Putting their brains to work

A team from Princess Anne High School in Virginia Beach competed in the second annual Virginia High School League State Scholastic Bowl Championships held at the College of William and Mary. Using the College Bowl format, 24 high school teams from every corner of the state answered questions on English, math, science, social studies and other areas such as current events, entertainment and sports.

At the end of the rigorous round robin, Radford High School won the Group A championship, Blacksburg High School the AA title and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (Fairfax) for Group AAA.

The championship was jointly sponsored by the Virginia High School League and the College of William and Mary.

Teen's composition hit the right note

By Kim McCollum
Correspondent

What did you dream about being when you "grew up?" For some, maybe it was a famous rock star or an artist. Others may have decided on a more attainable career.

Whatever your desirable career was, how did it turn out for you? Did you get to have your name in lights? Did you get to fight crime? Did you create a masterpiece?

Fourteen-year-old Jacob Barton has already done what most people think would be unattainable.

In January, Barton finished a full band piece which he composed. The boy wrote the music for all of the instruments in his school band. As a matter of fact, the Kemps Landing Magnet School advanced band played the piece for the school and the community.

He decided on "Joe In B Flat" as the name of the work.

"It just popped into my head one time, it sounded like a good name," Barton explained.

"The piece itself is not in B flat, but it sounded OK. 'Joe in B Flat' was the original idea; then later I found out that it did have some significance because the average that the two keys that the piece are based around, is B flat."

It took him a year and a half to finish composing of the piece. How did he know what all the instruments would sound like together?

"Most of the time I was composing I had no access to music, like on the bus or in class or something like that. So sometimes when I invited my friends over, I had them play the certain instruments and then later, I'd put it on a computer program that plays the computer instruments," he explained.

Although Barton had some of the computer's help with the sounds, he had an idea what the instruments sound like.

After all, he plays six instruments.

"It's mainly the saxophone, bassoon, piano, any kind of simple flute, little fife or tin whistle, whatever you want to call it, and recorder and clarinet. I'm OK at that," he said.

"I like the saxophone because it's the easiest to get the right sounds out of. I like the bassoon because it has the nicest sound and the greatest range; the piano because it's even easier, than the saxophone, except its not as expressive."

But that's not all.

"I wanted to try the trombone one time, but never got to do that."

Barton wants to compose more pieces.

"Definitely I was thinking of writing for this thing we're doing now, a solo ensemble where you are judged on performance."

Even though he enjoys music, Barton is also busy with his school work. At Kemps Landing Magnet School, he takes Advanced Band, Algebra 2 Trig, Spanish and Latin. If he isn't at school or composing, then he is making three-dimensional shapes, reading or working on math.

What does he want for the future? Don't be too surprised if you are to read and hear about him again.

"I would like to be somewhere in music college taking composition — just a prominent composer, I guess. I don't want to be famous or anything."

He added, "I also want to be performing my own stuff because performing music is a lot more fun than listening."

Photo by Kim McCollum

MUSICALLY INCLINED. Jacob Barton takes a moment to show off his "saxy" pose. The Beach youth composed a full band piece.

School immunization update

Kempsville Meadows Elementary School wants to inform its community of an immunization update for 1999. Any child born on or after Jan. 1, 1994, is required to receive the Hepatitis B vaccine.

This immunization requires a series of three inoculations to be effective. The impact of this change will be significant for those entering kindergarten in September 1999. However, there is an immediate application to children in preschool programs.

If children present with none, one or two of the series of three inoculations must have a written plan for reception of the vaccine. This approach is the same for any vaccine in progress.

More information regarding immunizations will be sent to the schools in the upcoming weeks.

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Noted poet headlines open mic program at Beach Central Library

The noted Virginia Beach poet, Sharon Weinstein, author of "Celebrating Absences," will be the headliner at the Great Neck Writers' semi-annual open mic program on Sunday, April 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Central Library.

There is no admission charge and the public is invited to attend, either as spectators or as author-presenters. Light refreshments will be served.

After Weinstein's reading, members of the audience will be invited to read their creative writing, either poetry, fiction or nonfiction. They are asked to register their intention to read at the door, so a time limit can be established to allow everyone an opportunity to read. During refreshments, those present will have an opportunity to meet and chat with Dr. Weinstein, who will also sign her book, which will be available.

Sharon Weinstein

The Great Neck Writers' Group has sponsored an "open mike" program at the library in April and October for the past few weeks. The group is one of the largest in Virginia and meets weekly at the Great Neck Recreation Center, from 10 a.m. to noon. Established or "wantobe" poets and writers are welcome to attend. Typically, members read works in progress, and solicit the constructive critique of fellow-members. Co-facilitators of the group are Ed Bacon, local journalist and creative writing professor and Les Atkins, well-known Virginia Beach poet.

For more information about the Sunday program featuring Sharon Weinstein about the Great Neck Writers' Group contact, Ed Bacon, 481-2170.

Bicyclists put pedal to medal

The Tidewater Bicycle Association has two events coming up soon:

■ Sunday, April 11, Come on the Awesome Azalea Ride leaving from HQ Plaza on Virginia Beach Boulevard next to Harris Teeter at 9:30 a.m. for 20 to 55 miles depending on the weather. Helmets are required. Call 463-1537. Rain date is April 18.

■ Sunday, May Family Ride leaving at 9 a.m. from Hot Tuna on Great neck Road in Virginia Beach. Ride 15 miles through Seashore State Park to the boardwalk and back. Helmets are required. Call 578-4976.

AARP to meet

Princess Anne AARP Chapter 5119 meets at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 13 at the Princess Anne Recreation Center, 1400 Ferrell Pkwy. Virginia Beach Police Officer Jeanene Hall will be the speaker. At 12:30 p.m. the Virginia Beach Health Department will provide blood pressure reading. Visitors are welcome. Call 430-2546 or 430-0766 for details.

AAUW meets April 21

The Virginia Beach Branch of the American Association of University Women will meet on Wednesday, April 21 at 7 p.m. in the north dining room of Sentara Bayside Hospital on Independence Blvd. Councilwoman Barbara Henley and former councilwoman Louisa Strayhorn will speak on major issues affecting Virginia Beach's future.

Retired officers host lecture

The Retired Officers of Hampton Roads will meet for dinner at the Oceana Officers Club on Thursday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. Operation Smile will discuss its volunteer medical mission to underdeveloped countries worldwide correcting cleft lips and palates, club feet and burn scars.

For reservations call, 464-6681, prior to Monday, April 12. For membership information call, 481-1054.

SAT classes still available

Making A Difference Foundation, an award winning non-profit organization which offers education and life skills based programs after school, nights and on weekends throughout the year, wants people to know there are two SATs left this school year.

The foundation holds classes now and throughout the summer to receive tutoring and also help preparing for the SATs. SAT classes and tutoring run Monday through Thursdays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Kempsville High School rooms 211-215. There are also classes on Saturdays at 1314 Kempsville Road, Virginia Beach across from the Kemps River International House of Pancakes from 9 a.m. to noon.

Red Mill takes honors during WordMasters Challenge here

A team of students representing Red Mill Elementary School has recently won the highest honors in the first meet of this year's WordMasters Challenge, a national language arts competition, consisting of three separate meets held at intervals during the academic year, which has been entered by more than 4,300 school teams this year.

Participating in the very difficult Gold Division of the Challenge, and supervised by Sue Tobin, Jacqui Garrison and Dottie Norman, the school's third grades tied for eighth place in the nation, among 200 school teams competing at this grade level and division.

One student won highest honors for individual achievement as well. Lawson Olson earned a perfect score in the meet, where nationwide only 28 third graders did so.

Other individual students who achieved outstanding results in the meet include Carl Arnold, Alana Kibiloski, Brittany Michels, Kaitlyn Schmit, Jeffie Bowling, Josh Buster, Alex Hammer, Chelsea Mageland, Amanda Mapp, Ben McClure and Nicholas Skliris.

Volksmarschs hold walk

The Gator Volksmarsch Club of Norfolk will hold an 11K walk April 10-11 at Ft. Story/Cape Henry in Virginia Beach anytime between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. with a finish by 4 p.m. both days. The walk is free and everyone is welcome. Registration is $6 for those who wish to obtain the event award and I.V.V. stamp. For more information call, Charley Seward, 427-0081; Dan Horne, 523-1614; or Carol Brooks, 588-1182.

The Gator Volksmarsch Club meets the third Thursday of each at the Virginia Beach Central Library at 7:30 p.m.

Book signing

The book "Ordinary Grace" by psychologist Kathleen Brehony is available now at Dolphin Tales bookstore.

A book signing is planned from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 10 at the shop, 2955 Virginia Beach Blvd. across from Tandom's Pine Tree Inn Restaurant in Pinetree Square Shopping Center. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 498-7909 for details.

Brehony is in private clinical practice in Virginia Beach and the author of the national best seller "Awakening at Midlife."

Ag commission meets

The regular meeting of the Agriculture Advisory Commission will be held on Monday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Building #14. Agriculture Conference Room, at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center. For further information contact Louis Cullipher, 426-5775.

Mayor's Commission on Aging accepting award nominations

The Virginia Beach Mayor's Commission on Aging is accepting nominations for the annual Award for Exceptional Accomplishments in Service to Senior Citizens.

The nominee must be a Virginia Beach resident, business, non-profit organization, government entity or community activity whose service has been exemplary. For individual nominations, the service to seniors should extend significantly beyond the requirements of employment responsibilities. The nominee's contributions must have occurred within the last year.

The award will be presented by Mayor Obemdorf at the annual Senior Showcase on May 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Central Library.

For further information and a nomination form call Helen Spore in the mayor's office, 427-4525.

Robert Duvall tango lesson adds 'Deep Impact' to fundraiser

The Virginia Beach SPCA's Annual Celebrity and Pet Fashion Show and Silent Auction has been hailed as one of the region's top five charity events.

Actor Robert Duvall, chairman of the U.S. Tango Academy, has donated for auction at the event a private tango lesson plus dinner at The Rail Stop (his restaurant in The Plains) and an article of clothing that he wore in one of his films.

Other items up for bid at the event range from a 17-foot Carolina Skiff from Norfolk Marine to Redskins tickets to a home security system from Johns Brothers to gift certificates from local restaurants and retailers and scores of other items.

In addition to the silent auction, local celebrities including Fox 43's Krista Marino and WVEC 13's Joe Flanagan will model clothing from The Cage and Dan Ryan's For Men and will feature pets adopted from or still awaiting adoption from the VBSPCA.

Last year's event raised $80,000 for the VBSPCA, the region's only full-service animal shelter. WAVY-TV 10's Bruce Radar will emcee the event, which takes place on Saturday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Oceanfront.

Sponsor tables and individual tickets are still available. For an invitation call Christy Tarr, VBSPCA, 427-0070, ext. 14.

LEGAL NOTICES

TRUSTEE SALE
5920 Buckminister Lane
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Larry A. Simms dated November 7, 1978 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 1841, page 424, securing a loan which was originally $42,200.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on May 5, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 54, on that plat entitled "Subdivision of Wesleyan Forest." Tax Map #1468-02-5283-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

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Public Notice

State of Maine
Probate Court
Auburn, Maine
Notice to Marcie W. Estes

This notice is to Marcie W. Estes, whose whereabouts are uncertain, Alan J. Merritt Jr., 223 Sabattus St., Lewiston, ME 04240, has filed a petition in the Androscoggin County Probate Court at 2 Turner Street, Auburn, ME 04210, to have Patrick Alan Merritt-Estes name changed to Patrick Alan Merritt.

This matter will be heard at 8:45 a.m. or as soon thereafter, on April 20, 1999. The requested action may be made on or after the hearing date if no sufficient objection be heard. This notice complies with the requirements of 18-A M.R.S.A 3-403 and Probate Rule 4.

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1809 John Brown Lane
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Beverly B. Carrey and Andrew L. Carrey dated September 30, 1993 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3279, page 0484, securing a loan which was originally $115,154.00 Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 23, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 25, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision Plat of Alexandria Section 1C Kempsville Borough." Tax Map 1455-70-5725.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

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Public Notice

Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, April 27, 1999 at 6:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE
DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE

1. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Douglas C. Burlage, Inc. Property is located on the east side of Baker Road, 165 feet north of Wesleyan Drive. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Turner & Associates Realty, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located on the south side of Sandbridge Road at its intersection with Painters Lane. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan designates this parcel as being in the Transition Area. This area is planned for appropriate growth opportunities, consistent with the economic vitality policies of Virginia Beach in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.148 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of M and M Development Associates, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural Districts and R-20 Residential District to Conditional A-18 Apartment District on certain property located on the north west side of General Booth Boulevard, 250 feet more or less south of Ferrell Parkway. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-18 is for multi-family residential land use at a density no greater than 18 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/low density at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 14.76 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of M and M Development Associates, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 & AG-2 Agricultural Districts and R-20 Residential District to Conditional O-1 Office District on the following parcels:

Parcel 1: Located on the west side of General Booth Boulevard beginning at a point 830 feet more or less south of Ferrell Parkway.

Parcel 2: Located on the west side of General Booth Boulevard beginning at a point 480 feet more or less north of Huckleberry Trail.

The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional O-1 is for office land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/low density at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 3 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:
DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Lenwood B. Ireland for a Conditional Use Permit for a community boat dock at the eastern extremity of Sparrow Road. Said parcel is located on Parcel C-1, Subdivision of Property of Lenwood B. & Robin S. Ireland and contains 8,505 square feet. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Virginia Beach Professional Firefighters Local #2924 for a Conditional Use Permit for a lodge for fraternal organization on the east side of Princess Anne Road, south of the intersection with Sandbridge Road. Said parcel is located at 2020 Princess Anne Road and contains 8 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
4000 Weatherstone Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Paul A. Hotaling dated June 14, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3628, page 0942, securing a loan which was originally $98,800.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 16, 1999 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 41, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Glenwood Phase 4, Kempsville Borough". Tax Map #1475-90-1349-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1767 Eastborne Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Robert J. Richards dated December 7, 1993 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3317, page 1059 and re-recorded in Deed Book 3343, page 2075, securing a loan which was originally $127,550.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 30, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 17 in Block F, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Upton Estates, Phase One-B, Princess Anne Borough". Tax Map #2415-53-6722-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

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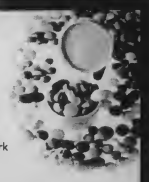

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Grogan named executive director of Contemporary Art Center

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia announces that Kevin Grogan has accepted the position of executive director. His arrival is timed to coincide with the early April installation of "Art of Glass," which will open at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia on April 18.

Grogan has served as the director of Fisk University Galleries and Collections in Nashville, Tenn. since 1992. His 28-year career is rich in museum operation, exhibition management, art education, community relations and program development. His leadership has been demonstrated at the Knoxville Museum of Art in Knoxville Museum of Art in Knoxville, the Fine Arts Center at Cheekwood in Nashville and the Philips Collection in Washington, D.C.

Kevin Grogan

His education background includes a Master of Liberal Arts and Science from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., in 1998; a Master of Arts and Arts Administration from The American University, Washington, D.C., in 1975; and a Bachelor of Arts from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Penn., in 1971.

In addition, Grogan has published books and articles in addition to organizing more than 350 exhibitions.

Grogan's first task at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia is to hit full stride in the installation and opening of "Art of Glass," a collaborative art glass exhibition with the Chrysler Museum of Art and the visual cornerstone of the Third Annual Virginia Waterfront International Arts Festival. Grogan's arrival is well timed to coincide with Chihuly's team, which arrived last Friday to begin installations.

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OUTFOXED. False Cape Flynn examines the warren of a gray fox in the wilds of False Cape State Park.

'Dale Chihuly: Installations' opens

"Dale Chihuly: Works on Paper," an exhibition which is part of the "Art of Glass," a regional project coordinated by the Chrysler Museum of Art, the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia and the Virginia Waterfront International Arts Festival, will open in the Hofheimer Library at Virginia Wesleyan College on Sunday, April 18.

The exhibition will remain on display through Friday, May 20. The public is invited to an opening reception at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20. The Hofheimer Library hours are 8 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday; noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday; and noon to midnight on Sunday.

At 55, Chihuly is one of the world's foremost glass artists and is known for his luminous, colorful glass creations and "chandeliers." His most recent project, "Chihuly Over Venice," took more than 18 months to complete. Chihuly's team of glassblowers worked with resident artisans in four countries: Finland, Italy, Ireland and Mexico. His other series have been exhibited at museums worldwide. A native of the state of Washington, Chihuly grew up on Puget Sound in Tacoma.

In 1965, he received a bachelor's degree in interior design from the University of Washington. It was also around this time that he began experimenting with glass. Chihuly spent a year in graduate school at the University of Wisconsin with Harvey Littleton, the acknowledged father of the American studio glass movement.

After receiving a master's degree at Wisconsin, Chihuly moved on to the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, where he earned an MFA degree in sculpture.

In 1971, he founded the world-famous Pilchuck Glass School north of Seattle.

Spring's spell special to Flynn

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to poetry. He has the soul of a poet. Flynn has a way with both words and people.

Inspired by the sights and sounds of False Cape, Flynn composes his own poetic tributes to the natural environment and to the wildlife rendezvous that he has experienced in this seaside habitat.

His ocean imagery, perhaps, is the equal of Tennyson's.

A stanza from Flynn's poem "Waves," echoes "the curlew's cry" in Tennyson's "Locksley Hall."

As seabirds cry
the swelling tide
washes footprints from the sand
soon waves will break
upon this shore
for yet another man.

Flynn's wave imagery from his poem "Catnap Swells" is reminiscent of Tennyson's image of "hollow ocean ridges roaring into cataracts."

Then the stretching,
arching, clawing ocean
raises high
its frisky head.

Beginning in late March, spring is a time of rebirth and change at False Cape. As the ambient temperature rises, wildlife activity increases steadily, migratory birds come and go, and schools of migrating fish begin to return to Virginia's waters.

"It's 'fox time' around this time of year as far as I'm concerned," Flynn said.

"The vixens have had their litters, and there's a lot of fox activity at False Cape during the months of March and April.

"As a matter of fact, we saw a beautiful, beautiful fox today," he said enthusiastically. "We stared at each other for a small amount of time. I'd say maybe over a minute. Then he decided to head for the hills."

Apparently estimating that he has said enough about fox activity, Flynn's thoughts turn to the migrating water fowl that enter and leave the Back Bay and False Cape habitats.

"The snow geese, I call them the black tips because they're all white except for under their wings they've got black tips, are really beautiful when they fly," said Flynn. "And they fly in such huge flocks — thousands of birds."

According to Flynn, the swans, with their characteristic long necks and their distinctive honking will soon be leaving Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge around False Cape Park. The refuge will also play host to a plethora of migrating ducks. Long lines of black ducks are currently in the process of migrating. Pelicans are coming up from the south in large numbers, and the ospreys have returned to their nests.

"You're getting birds migrating in and birds migrating out. Just a changing of the guard," noted Flynn. "You begin to see more and more blue herons at this time of year."

"I've also seen a bald eagle at False Cape for the first time in 14 years last month. I'd never seen one here before," recalled Flynn.

Almost abruptly, Flynn returns to the highlight of his most recent 12 mile trek through False Cape — his brief encounter with a lone gray fox. As he recalls their impromptu meeting, his gestures become more animated and his speech becomes more dramatic.

"We saw what I consider a fairly large fox — kind of long-legged fox," he said. "It looked almost like a coyote to me, but it was a fox."

"I like to think that they're red foxes back here because of their color, but I've been told that they're actually gray foxes," Flynn said.

Flynn has seen vixens with their kittens in their mouths.

"They're wonderful creatures," he observed.

While he loves nature in all four seasons, he particularly enjoys the transformation brought about by seasonal change.

"When nature goes through these changes, it's really super," he contended. "Whether it's the turning of the leaves, the frost on the branches, or the snow on the ground, I have a love for nature."

"Spring and fall are very similar to one another," Flynn smiled.

Once again, nature has deigned to reward Flynn's unabashed affection for his inconstant mistress.

Alfred Lord Tennyson might have had ample reason to admire False Cape Flynn.

Growth

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ting a busy signal on 911 calls with public utilities and public works communications using the same line.

The proposed FY 1999-00 operating budget includes an ordinance eliminating the sunset provision, effective May 11, 1999, and maintaining the tax at $1.95 a month per phone line, the current tax, to cover the costs of upgrading the E-911 system and the on-going expenditures of the system. The sunset provision provides for a reduction in the rate to $1.62 to pay only for daily operations and maintenance of the system starting on July 1.

Councilwoman Margaret Eure pointed out that this is "the challenge we face after voting for the right of way phone fee (50 cents per line a month). The sunset clause (included in the legislation after eight years) doesn't mean anything."

Block agreed that a sunset clause is not a commitment to eliminate the fee.

According to the resolution passed by City Council Mayor Meyera Oberndorf said, the agreement was to continue the sunset clause.

Councilwoman Reba McClanan said that she was concerned because the city is now looking for the 911 fee to finance all types of emergency communications. She said she was not convinced, that "half of what is going on in this field will work and the other half will not."

Henley said that emergency calls should be a priority and that she did not want the system to be bogged down on other things.

Addressing busy signals on the 911 line, Commonwealth's Attorney Robert J. Humphreys said that when an individual receives a busy signal on 911, it's almost always a cellular phone call. These calls are received by the State Police and then relayed to the localities.

Block said that localities like Virginia Beach and a few other big cities are required to handle the cellular calls although the state has not provided funds for the service.

City Manager James K. Spore said that he had a committee looking at the situation. He said he couldn't begin to qualify what the cost will be.

Police Chief Charles Wall said that the city has car-to-car communications with the Naval bases and the Army but not with the State Police.

Beach reaps rewards

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Also making the city attractive to business are the TPC Land Heron Ridge golf courses, the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center, the GTE/Virginia Beach Amphitheater, the Lynnhaven Mall Expansion, the Sportsplex, Highwoods Development (an upscale business office complex) and Corporate Landing.

What the city looks for in businesses are that they are environmentally-friendly, have a high growth potential and are well paying — above the national average.

Tourism's 2.7 million overnight visitors generated $43.7 million in direct city tax revenue.

Other pluses:

- Virginia Beach was one of only six of the nation's top 25 hotel markets to post gains in room nights booked.
- City-wide hotel room nights booked increased 3.4 percent.
- City-wide annual occupancy reached 63 percent.

The city spent $27 million in visitor-related expenditures which resulted in roughly $1.2 billion in visitor expenditures in Hampton Roads.

The average visitor has aged a few years, has a higher income ($65,614 compared to $55,316 in 1993), more are married and have more children under 18 and 85.1 percent (compared to 68.4 percent in 1993) plan to come back.

The city has experienced successes in its new Beach Street USA program opened last summer and in boardwalk and oceanfront entertainment. New market niches are sports marketing and ecotourism. For the future, the city plans to continue development of Virginia Beach as a quality year-round travel destination and to continue to lead the region in development of regional partnerships, creating more innovative packages to broaden marketing efforts.

Ricketts said, in marketing the beach "we have to steal people from somebody else; we have to promote the region as a major destination."

The city will continue to develop tour packages. Ricketts said the competition is fierce.

The 1998 Virginia Beach Tourism Economic Impact Study which furnished much of the statistics, was prepared by Gilbert. Yochum, Ph.D. and Vinod B. Agarwal, Ph.D. of the Bureau of Research of the College of Business and Public Administration of Old Dominion University.

Quick action merits honor

Christopher James "C.J." Phillips, a 12-year-old Boy Scout from Virginia Beach, was honored by the Portsmouth Camp of Woodmen of the World recently for the quick action he took to save the life of his mother, Linda. The youngster was in the car with his mother last year when she had a paralyzing asthma attack in a fire station parking lot. Exiting the vehicle with his mother's medical history, the youth ran to the station for help and convinced her to go to the hospital for treatment. For this he received the Woodmen's Lifesaving Award. Phillips also received a national Medal of Merit in January from the Boy Scouts of America for his quick thinking. It was the second time in 15 years that a Hampton Roads resident earned the Scouting honor. Pictured are Woodmen President Helen Dorn, Phillips and Sam Callis, vice president.

HOME AND GARDEN

Keep your garden thriving

You've created a beautiful garden. It looks great now, but the real battle is to keep it looking great. How do you do it? You know that there are several "tricks of the trade," but you're just a novice and have no idea what those tricks are.

There are several products on the market now that will keep your garden thriving. You won't need to know any tricks when you're equipped with these items.

One way to jump-start your garden is by using a product called FastStart, a lightweight fabric that protects newly planted seeds and transplants from frost or insects. The plant and seed blanket acts just like a greenhouse, keeping plants moist and warm. By using it, you'll see 50-percent faster seed germination, as well as earlier blooms and harvest.

To use this blanket, all you do is lay it over your garden bed and secure it with fabric pegs or stones. If the temperature outside gets above 85 degrees, you simply remove the FastStart to avoid overheating.

A product that you need to check out in order to help your plants flourish is CloudCover. The non-toxic spray helps plants prosper by protecting them from wind, winter cold, summer heat and transplant shock.

This spray is made up of an acrylic polymer anti-transpirant, which forms a thin film that reduces water loss from the leaf but still lets the leaf breathe normally. The indoor-outdoor plant protector also helps to reduce transplant shock, moisture loss and watering frequency.

Of course, no discussion on effective gardening products would be complete without the mention of Jobe's Plant Spikes. The popular spikes feed plants at the roots, providing them with the continuous supply of the nutrients they need.

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A good planet

The Hampton Roads Earth Day Celebration will be held rain or shine on May 2 at the Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek's Lake Bradford Picnic Area from noon to 7 p.m. This event is sponsored by the U.S. Navy, along with the cities of Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Portsmouth. Families can enjoy exhibits, games, crafts, food and entertainment. Parking and admission are free. Hampton Road's theme for this year is "A Good Planet is Hard to Find." For more information on Earth Day contact Paula Keicer, 322-2853, or John Deuel, 441-1347. Earth Day 99 is sponsored by the cities of Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Portsmouth and the U.S. Navy.

Earth Day golf

Calling all golfers! The Hampton Roads Earth Day Committee invites you to participate in the Earth Day Golf Tournament April 22 at Eagle Haven Golf Course at the Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek. The event will be a four-man Florida Best Ball, shotgun start at 8 a.m. The price is $75 per person ($30 tax deductible) and includes green fees, cart, food, beverages and prizes. Individual mulligans will be sold for $2 each or three for $5 (maximum of three per person). All proceeds will benefit the Earth Day 1999 Celebration. For more information or to sign up call the Golf Pro Shop, 462-8526.

Chamber music

The Hardwick Chamber Ensemble will perform at the Francis Land House Historic Site and Garden in celebration of Virginia's Historic Garden Week on Tuesday, April 20. Presented as part of the Virginia Beach Garden Tour, the music will feature duos and trios by classical composers and will be continuous from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The performance will be funded in part by the Virginia Beach Arts and Humanities Commission.

The historic Francis Land House will be "decked" in spring finery reminiscent of 18th-century Virginia by the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach.

Admission to tour the historic house is by Virginia Beach Garden Tour block ticket. The concert is free of charge. Call 431-4000 for information.

Books and blooms

Are you an experienced gardener, a new homeowner anxious to begin gardening or a lover of things botanical? If so, the Books and Blooms program, a weekend-long gardening extravaganza at the Virginia Beach Central Library May 1-2, is for you.

Lectures by gardening experts including Robert Stiffler, Randy Jackson and Kathy Van Mullekom, gardening exhibits, door prizes and garden craft activities for children are free and open to everyone. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register call the Virginia Beach Central Library, 431-3001. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Virginia Beach Public Library.

Luau in the pool

Put on your grass skirt and Hawaiian shirt for a "fun-tastic" Family Sunday. Kempsville Recreation Center pool will be hosting a Hawaiian luau in the pool on Sunday, May 16 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. The luau will feature Hawaiian food, games, prizes, treats and the Red Dog Fun Float. Children under 9 must be accompanied in the water by someone 15 or older. The cost of the event is $2 membership or a daily pass is required.

For more information call, 474-8492.

Church auction set

The Church of the Ascension, in association with Heisman Fine Arts Gallery, is sponsoring an art show and auction to benefit their church endowment fund on April 17. The auction will be held at the Ascension Activity Center, 4853 Princess Anne Rd. A preview of the art will begin at 6:30 p.m. with wine, other beverages and heavy hor d'ouerves. The auction will begin at 7:30 p.m. with 10 door prizes given away throughout the evening. Price of a ticket is $10 per person. For tickets call Norb Krzak, 495-1886 ext. 22. For information about the auction call John Crowley, 499-6337.

Y2K questions?

Do you have questions about how the city of Virginia Beach is readying for the Year 2000 problem? Submit questions on Y2K via the Internet at: http://www.virginia-beach.va.us/y2k/ or by calling the Video Services Department, 427-8310, ext. 2 (voice mailbox).

Transit merger vote is May 4; light rail tangled with merger

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

With the Virginia Beach City Council vote on the merger of the Peninsula and Tidewater Transportation District Commissions scheduled for May 4, questions continue to persist over the potential disadvantages that might be experienced by the city.

And these questions are bound together with the council's apparent non-support of the light rail project.

Whatever Virginia Beach does, it may not matter in the long run, concluded councilman Louis R. Jones after posing some questions to Tidewater Transportation District (TRT) counsel Don Clark at a council work session Tuesday.

Jones, who has opposed light rail and is lukewarm about the merger, asked Clark: Assuming we did step aside (stay out of the merger), what is our legal position in preventing light rail being built by the merged agencies? Even if we don't participate as a city, can the organization still build light rail to the Oceanfront and do it anyway?

Jones said he was talking about the legal right of the state entity — the merged transit entities — to condemn and buy property.

Clark replied that TRT has not exercised its power of eminent domain, but added that, "I suspect they can do that under the cost allocation (agreement)."

Under these circumstances, Jones said later, it did not matter what the city did.

Clark did say and reiterated again and again that the organization could not make any decisions without the approval of the city involved to make any decision that would require a member city to spend money against its desires.

Also, said Flora Crittenden, General Assembly delegate from Newport News and Hampton, if the General Assembly approves the dedication of a gas tax for transit it would be subject to referendum and the money collected would be used for transit services in that locality. She said that the merger is modeled after the Waters, who with councilman William Pierce represent Chesapeake on the TTDC, has formed a committee to gather information on lightrail.

Waters said that he did not appoint the individual members of the committee but asked various organizations in the city to send a representative. His plan also called for the inclusion of city staff but Waters withdrew that part of the committee.

Alan Krasnoff objected to using overworked staff. In fact, Krasnoff objected to the formation of the committee altogether, questioning whether individual council members had the right to form their own committees.

Krasnoff questioned whether such a committee could pick alignments and said, "Waters is supporting a gas tax and an increase in density."

Krasnoff asked the city attorney and the city manager to look into the possibility of having a referendum in Chesapeake Virginia Beach.

Neither Pierce nor Waters could understand, they said, what Krasnoff's objections were all about. The committee will have its first meeting on April 19.

The Beach council has expressed concern that the city, which naturally would be the largest member in the merged or-

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City dumps phone fee, 6-4 vote

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

City Council rejected the phone tax by a vote of 6-4, the same vote — reversed — by which the measure was passed on March 9.

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf, who on March 9 voted in favor of the fee, a 50 cent per month per line fee which users would be required to pay, proposed the resolution adopted Tuesday which repeals the public right-of-way use fee which was to go into effect on July 1.

The resolution also directs the city manager to find a continuing source of revenue within the city's budget to fulfill the city's commitment to the school board to help fund instructional technology.

Voting in favor of the resolution were council members Harold Heischober, Barbara Henley, Reba McClanan, Nancy Parker and Don Weeks and Oberndorf. Voting against the resolution were Vice Mayor William D. Sessoms Jr. and council members W.W. Harrison Jr., Louis R. Jones and Linwood Branch III.

Councilwoman Margaret Eure, who had submitted a substitute motion Tuesday to defer action for two weeks and who had voted in favor of the fee, abstained.

Henley, Parker, McClanan and Weeks voted against the fee on March 9 when Sessoms was absent. Oberndorf, Heischober and Eure had voted in favor of the tax on March 9 along with Sessoms, Harrison, Jones and Branch.

Earlier at a budget workshop, Oberndorf expressed her displeasure over a communication from E.Dean Block, director of management, in response to the may-

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Landscape artist's sea serpent was one monster of a project

Sandbridge resident sculpts creation from driftwood and telephone poles

By Jane Rowe
Correspondent

Scott Dilatush is a guy who likes to work with both his hands and his mind. He's from a family of landscapers and artists, and he's found a unique way to combine both interests to create seaside gardens that feature colorful, fragrant blooms and giant sea serpents made from driftwood.

Dilatush has become famous locally for the 60-foot sea serpent, constructed from driftwood, that adorns a house on Sandfiddler Road at Sandbridge. Tourists sometimes stop to take pictures and locals wave and call his name as he drives down Sandbridge Road.

"I have so many people waving at me now," he said, "that I'll have to make another sculpture so I'll be famous again."

Dilatush, who admits that he relishes the attention his work receives, spent about two months collecting the driftwood for the huge creature, which he finished in late February. Then he constructed the skeleton from telephone poles and concrete pipes built to withstand weight and hurricane-force winds, and covered it with driftwood.

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Photo by Jane Rowe

GUARD DOG OR GUARD DRAGON? Woody, a 60-foot-long sea serpent, guards the front yard of a house on Sandbridge Road. The monster's massive teeth make him look fierce, but his creator, artist Scott Dilatush, said that he's really quite friendly as long as visitors are nice to him.

Call him 'His Majesty' or 'His Honor'

Judge David H. Adams presides as King Neptune over annual fest

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge David H. Adams doesn't know what to answer to these days.

It's a tossup between "His Honor" and "His Majesty."

After all, not many people can boast that they're a judge and a king — much less King Neptune.

Since his coronation last month, Adams admits he has taken a lot of good-natured ribbing about that. But he's a king with a sense of humor, willing to do whatever it takes to successfully preside over the 26th annual Virginia Beach Neptune Festival.

He's just as surprised as others have been who have borne the royal title.

"At first I had to make sure they had the right guy — I thought it was a matter of mistaken identity," Adams smiled, seated behind a huge wooden desk in his chambers at the Federal Courthouse in Norfolk.

A member of the festival Board of Directors and former Triton, Adams learned several months ago that he'd been chosen for the honor. He follows in the footsteps of Clarence Holland, Tom Barton and other Beach notables who served as King of the Deep.

Adams had to keep it a secret from everyone practically but his wife, Bonnie, until the coronation late last month.

"When people asked me who I thought the king would be this year, I'd just give them the names of those I thought. Like Pinnochio, I could feel my nose growing every time," he chuckled. "I'm glad it's public now."

Since it's official, Adams can share his enthusiasm with everyone at being the ceremonial leader of the city's biggest "beach party."

"It's exciting, a lot of fun and quite an honor. It's also a lot of responsibility to serve the city and the festival," he said.

A Virginia Beach resident since 1969, Neptune's duties begin this spring with the festival golf tournament May 19 and the Pungo Strawberry Festival on Memorial Day weekend. Through the summer Adams will continue to make appearances until the final festival weekend, Sept. 24-25.

ALL HAIL THE KING. Judge David Adams is the new King Neptune. His first official function is the festival golf tournament May 19. Adams served as a Triton on Will Sessom's court two years ago.

In keeping with the spirit of the Neptune Festival, Adams' theme for the year is "A Celebration for Life."

"We're going to have a lot of fun," he promised. "We're using a carnival theme in general, so it will permeate throughout the festival. It's going to be more fun for us and the citizens — a truly fabulous year."

Highlights include the annual air show, which this year is the first time the Canadian Snowbirds and Blue Angels fly the same show, the North American Sandsculpting Contest, with the first international entrants; and the surf fishing tournament.

"That's been very well received. Other important parts are the Inter-faith Prayer Breakfast, the parade and, one of the things important to me, the festival court visiting nursing homes and making contact with the residents. That's a wonderful service we can do. The seniors' ball is another good event," said Adams.

As a member of the festival's long-range planning committee, the king especially looks forward to welcoming the new 8,500 to 8,600 Navy personnel and dependents moving here with the F-14 squadrons.

"They're new citizens and we want them to join us, enjoy the festival and get to know Virginia Beach," said Adams. "That will be a challenge for us this year. We're going to make them feel welcome."

A native Ohioan who moved to North

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Commentary

EARTH DAY '99

Practice the 3 R's

"The Earth does not belong to man. Man belongs to the Earth. Man did not weave the web of life. He is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself."
Chief Seattle

Twenty-nine years ago, Wisconsin Sen. Gaylord Nelson posed an idea that many people of his generation thought was off kilter — a day set aside to honor Mother Earth.

Who would have thought that nearly three decades ago Earth Day would evolve to the acclaimed status that it enjoys in 1999? Soon after the first recognition of Earth Day on April 22, 1970, two momentous occasions were celebrated by environmentalists — passage of the Clean Water Act and creation of the Environmental Protection Agency.

As we near a new millennium, Americans have two reasons to celebrate Mother Earth, both within days of one another: Arbor Day, April 17, and Earth Day, April 22.

Locally, Hampton Roads residents can mark these days with festivities. In Chesapeake, residents will "dig in" Saturday on a campaign to plant trees throughout the city — adding to its "urban forest." In Virginia Beach and Portsmouth, the cities will team with Norfolk and the Navy May 2 to host a regional Earth Day celebration.

Attending these activities is just the start. Earth's "children" can do their parts individually to make this a better planet for all.

Because environmental awareness is still a relatively young movement, it requires the support of every man, woman and child. If you are already doing your part to preserve the Earth for future generations, congratulations. If you aren't, you should be. It doesn't take a one-person war to save the planet, but if everyone were to pitch in with their small part, the possibilities are endless.

The easiest way to do your part is to practice the "3 R's" of environmentalism every each day:

■ Reduce — This one requires the least amount of work. When shopping, consciously choose products with the least amount of packaging. Eschew those overpackaged products— you're paying for the pretty wrapping, not the product. Reducing waste output is the key.

■ Reuse — This requires a little more work. It may mean reusing plastic supermarket bags to line trash cans, for example, or use these again at the grocery store. Give items a new purpose.

■ Recycle — This requires the most effort, but luckily most Hampton Roads localities make it easy on residents with curbside pick-up. Think of the spiritual reward in knowing you helped.

Consider the impact of recycling. In one day alone, for example, 1.5 million pounds of consumer-related aluminum is recycled by Reynolds Aluminum. This is the equivalent of 1,470 average-sized garbage truckloads of aluminum being diverted from landfills.

There are other ways to maximize your impact, too. In honor of Arbor Day or even to remember a loved one, why not plant a tree? Or to help celebrate Gov. Jim Gilmore's Operation Spruce Up Month in April, why not undertake a roadside cleanup project?

On Earth Day, do take the time to smell the roses. Take a hike through one of this area's many parks or refuges. Participate in Earth and Arbor Day festivities. Consciously observe nature's glory at work around you.

Take the opportunity to look, listen smell and feel. And don't forget to practice the "3 R's."

Remember that a good planet is hard to find. — V.E.H.

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Be kind to your mother

I'm not what you would classify as a "tree hugger." I wouldn't chain myself to an old oak or throw myself in the way of a bulldozer getting ready to take down a 100-year-old maple.

But I do love our "earth mother," or should I better call her Mother Earth?

Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

That's one reason I love spring so much.

With two nature-friendly observances coming up, I started pondering the shape of our planet and how we've been treating "her" in recent years.

Like Iron Eyes Cody, the Indian in those old '70s commercials who shed a tear for pollution, I weep that our earth mother is suffering at the hands of those who depend on her.

A few years ago when road developers cut down thousands of trees along I-64 to widen the interstate, I gasped in horror. Like other motorists who had enjoyed the tree-lined strip, I wondered where all the wildlife would go that had made their homes in those woods.

Today it's a big, wide open swath of road that, while being more manageable for motorists, is no treat for the eyes or senses.

And still the road narrows from four lanes to two lanes — just a couple more miles up the road now!

I encounter plenty of assaults to Mother Nature as I drive down the road. My car is a window to the world, a world we're slowly destroying.

The most blatant offenders are those who dump their garbage out vehicle windows. They must think there is some big, black hole that will swallow up their waste.

It's either that or they just don't give a dam.

The worst litterbugs are those who toss their cigarettes out the window.

Boy, that really revs my motor in disgust.

These people, I reason, see the world as their ashtray. What I really want to do is ask them what purpose the ashtray in their car serves — that or dump a whole tray full of butts on the seat.

That would make them think again.

Now that I have a child of my own, I look at the world with a whole new perspective.

While I have always loved nature, I now view it with a youngster's innocent eyes.

Mitchell is new to this world. He has not yet seen his first ocean, zoo or mountain. He has been to the park, but he hasn't dipped his toes into the gently lapping water of the bay or reveled in the Atlantic's waves.

I fear that as the years go by these wonderful gifts from God will be too dirty and polluted for him to enjoy.

So this column this week is for little Mitch and all the other children who haven't yet cherished the gifts of our planet. It's for Mitch, his children, his children's children.

Saturday is Arbor Day, and next Thursday is Earth Day. This is a plea that each person will think about their place on this planet and what they can do to leave less of a negative imprint on it.

While we should enjoy the Earth and its wonderful offerings, it's not ours. This is one time people don't need to make their mark.

Think about that this coming week.

Va: A leader of the Information Age

By Gov. Jim Gilmore

My fellow Virginians, as home to the highest concentration of Internet and Communications companies, the Commonwealth has welcomed the challenge of working together with Virginia's Information Age leaders to craft the first comprehensive Internet policy. I'm very proud that Virginia is making a difference in formulating policy as the information age emerges from its infancy.

The entrepreneurial spirit driving the Information Technology (IT) sector should not be diminished by government policies that smother and stifle productivity. Over the past five years, the IT sector has generated more than 60 percent of the economic growth in Virginia's economy.

There are nearly 3,000 technology companies in our state, employing more than 300,000 Virginians with a total payroll of $15 billion. Our business-friendly and low-tax policies, along with our outstanding workforce, work well for all of us in the Commonwealth. The average small business in the Commonwealth employs five Virginians or fewer. These workers can be found in all regions of Virginia, and four economy is booming from the spirit of their free enterprise.

Virginia is right at the center of the Information Age revolution. Over half the world's Internet traffic is routed through one Commonwealth county — Fairfax County. All the major telecommunications companies in America have a significant presence within this geography. As the federal government invests in taking the Internet to the next level with its Next Generation internet (NGI) initiative, it is appropriate that the Commonwealth should embrace a leadership role at the state level.

Recently I signed into law seven bills creating the nation's first comprehensive state internet policy. This legislation provides that unsolicited bulk electronic mail (spam) violations are incorporated into the Computer Crimes Act, formally establishes the Secretary of Technology, extends the Privacy Protection Act to the Internet, enhances penalties for the use of encryption in committing crimes, and extends state law to allow requested information sought under Virginia's Freedom of Information Act to be posted on the Internet or sent via electronic mail (e-mail).

Society's first comprehensive Internet policy was developed with significant input from Information Technology leaders and government officials. my administration has reached out to small and large businesses across the Commonwealth to create the Governor's Commission on information Technology.

This commission consists of 36 business, technology, and government leaders. The general consensus of the commission has been to remain proactive in creating a business climate that allows electronic commerce to flourish, while calling for strong prosecution of those who manipulate the internet in a fraudulent manner or invade personal rights and privacy.

My administration and the Governor's Commission on information Technology recognize that government must pursue policies that provide opportunity for the internet to grow, prosper, and flourish. As such, Virginia is committed to policy that avoids undue restrictions on internee business. To be effective, government must recognize the unique qualities of the Internet. Where legislation is required, the intent is to construct a predictable, minimalist, consistent, and simple legal environment for electronic commerce (e-commerce).

Virginia has a responsibility to promote our policy framework as the standard for a consistent and predictable policy environment.

The goal of this policy is to chart a new course for our nation's future, a future in which the Information Age economy will be of vital importance o Virginia and the country. But the overall goal is to continue challenging all workers, students, parents, and teachers of the Commonwealth to expand their minds as the Information Age moves forward. With these goals in mind, our expanding economy will continue to soar well into the next century.

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Thank goodness for the small guys of business

I guess I am fortunate that I live in the Deep Creek area of Chesapeake. Where I live is centrally located, so anything I might need is just a short distance away.

The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

In a past column I wrote about Lawrence Pharmacy, where I have been trading for a multitude of years and how it moved into a new building with a grill for sandwiches or just about anything you might like for lunch or a snack. It is a full-service drug store with just about anything you might need. But it is the service that means more to me than anything else.

In this drug store you don't see the clerks standing around talking about their trip to Nags Head, their upcoming divorces or their own aches and pains. The minute you walk in they are standing there waiting and ready to serve you.

At Lawrence Pharmacy you don't have to hunt down a clerk to wait on you. They come to you not in a patronizing way, but a way to let you know they are there if you need them. They will deliver in cases of shut-ins or for people who can't get to the store for their prescriptions. If you are not satisfied with an item you purchased, there is no hassle. They will gladly replace the item or refund your money.

Unfortunately, my wife and I are having problems getting around at the present time and the Lawrence Pharmacy and their personnel have made things as easy for us as possible.

It is a customer-friendly drug store, of which few are left.

Right down in the same area is a hardware store called Meiggs. I have been trading there for as long as I can remember. It is owned by the Meiggs family and at times it has seemed that all of them worked there. Service there is also good. Usually someone is working up close to the front door and is ready to serve you as soon as you walk in.

I am sure that I could purchase some items cheaper at one of the big chain stores, but I figure that by the time I travel several miles and wait in line for several minutes to get waited on by some surly clerk that makes me feel like they are doing me a favor. I am better off staying with my neighborhood hardware store.

At one time I was afraid that the big conglomerate would swallow up the small stores, but now I'm not quite convinced.

Stores like Lawrence Pharmacy and Meiggs have survived so far and I hope they continue to be my friendly stores. It gives me less ulcers.

Welcome to the real world.

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Project Reforest 1999 plants seeds of hope

The city of Virginia Beach was recently awarded an Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Grant in the amount of $10,000 from the Virginia Department of Forestry. Project Reforest 1999, an outgrowth of the grant, is designed to create partnerships between the public and private sector to increase the number of new trees being planted in Virginia Beach this year.

The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf

Through the grant, the city's Department of Planning/Environmental Management Center has a stock of more than 150 native "large canopy" trees to be planted on public property by volunteers from Virginia Beach neighborhood and civic groups, businesses, schools, libraries, environmental organizations and other interested parties.

Species such as red maple, loblolly pine and willow oak are available in limited quantities. The Landscape Services Division will be providing assistance with plantings on public sites.

A number of local nurseries including Four Season Nursery, Wedgewood Garden Center and Winesett Nursery have joined in the effort and will provide special discounts to project participants with purchases for the project.

Other local growers and landscapers are encouraged to become involved. A tree selection planting, and maintenance video, compliments of Gloucester County parks and Recreation, Virginia Tech, and the Virginia Department of Forestry, is required to be viewed for all Project Reforest 1999 participants.

In addition, Virginia Beach Master Gardeners may be reached at 427-8156, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, to answer questions regarding proper tree planting and maintenance techniques.

The goal of Project Reforest 1999 is to ensure that the city continues to thrive both economically and environmentally by increasing community awareness of the rewarding and beneficial aspects trees provide. The project consists of several components which help promote Virginia Beach's efforts to advance a comprehensive approach to its urban forestry program.

More than 430,000 residents who call Virginia Beach home directly impact the environment by consuming energy, driving automobiles, creating waste and residing on the land. These activities can have irreversible repercussions on our air, soil, vegetation, waterways and wildlife. Urban forestry strives to minimize these impacts by focusing on the benefits trees and other vegetation provide to create a healthy balance between man and nature.

One of the most fundamental aspects of the program is public education. The reality of urban forestry is that trees are one of nature's most valuable resources and are especially vital in urban areas. Tree cover helps increase property values as well as save energy, preserve wildlife habitat, control storm water runoff, improve air quality, conserve water, limit soil erosion and enhance privacy and screening.

Project Reforest 1999 is a comprehensive partnership which will protect, enhance and expand our urban forests, while refocusing attention on preserving existing trees.

On April 9, the city arborist, Virginia Beach Beautification Commission and the Council of Garden Clubs in Virginia organized an Arbor Day celebration.

More than 430,000 residents who call Virginia Beach home directly impact the environment by consuming energy, driving automobiles, creating waste and residing on the land.

It was held at the new Volunteer Garden on the corner of North Landing Road and George Mason Drive at the Municipal Center where a White Fringe Tree donated by the Beautification Commission was planted with their third graders from Landstown Elementary School participating, winning awards for their Arbor Day Art Contest.

As part of that celebration, all third graders in the Virginia Beach Public School System received small tree plantings from the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach. They also handed out free tree seedlings to the public in various locations throughout the city.

On this same day at the ceremony I accepted, on behalf of the city of Virginia Beach, the 19th consecutive Tree City U.S.A. award.

We can all be proud that our city has so many programs to plant and protect trees. For information or to volunteer to help with future planting projects, contact Dawn Althoff, 427-4621. For information on Arbor Day or Tree City U.S.A., contact Roger Huff, city arborist, 427-4621.

Dawn Althoff, Department of Planning, contributed to this column.

Up close and personal

Kathleen Reed: The nature of volunteerism

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

When Kathleen Reed issues a call for volunteers, she knows personally what it's like to be on the giving end.

Volunteer coordinator for the Virginia Marine Science Museum, she donated her time and talents to one of the Beach's top tourism drav s for four years before joining the staff in 1989.

"At the time I started volunteering — one month after the museum opened in 1986 — I was a substitute school teacher. I found a place I really loved. I'm very environmentally concerned and conscious about what's going on with the environment. I found a place where I could help people understand the earth and appreciate it," she said.

The "perfect place" for Reed meant she could combine a love of teaching with the care for the environment. Plus, she's a "people person."

"In the museum environment I was struck by how much I could teach and how much fun it is. Museum education is far different from classroom education. It's much more interactive," she said.

Her enthusiasm shows. She has received the Hospitality Employee of the Year honor as well as awards of excellence and is a member of the Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission.

With more than 1,000 volunteers and the constant need for new ones, Reed's job is imperative in drawing the desperately-needed docents, assistants and interpreters to the museum.

This month, Reed is on a quest to promote adult volunteer opportunities in several areas. There's also a need for youth and teen volunteers (the museum already has about 250, aged 11 to 17) to carry on the tradition.

"These children will be the leaders of tomorrow," Reed said. "I have no doubt that I have already met the mayor of Virginia Beach for 2020 or 2040 and all the people who will represent us in Congress. They're youths and they're here right now. They're wonderful kids."

Children as young as 11 to 13 can work as Discovery Trail docents, while 14-year-olds can be mentors. Young people qualify as junior docents at age 14.

As the museum prepares for its busy summer season, Reed is seeking to especially fill several adult positions.

With 450 volunteers per week needed in the summer, she cited adults to fill these tasks:

■ Docent (exhibit interpreter) — Interact with visitors and teach them about Virginia's marine environment and answer questions.

■ Animal care assistant — Work with animal husbandry staff and help care for the museum's animal habitats. A biology background and love of animals is necessary. Some classes are required before placement.

■ Outreach teaching assistant — Assist outreach teachers with traveling touch tanks and other interpretive programs at schools and other facilities.

■ Horticulture assistant — Help plant and maintain the museum's gardens and help visitors learn about plants.

■ Avian Team member — Help with bird identification and interpretation of behaviors, characteristics and calls within the aviary.

■ Museum store assistant — arrange merchandise displays and help visitors make gift selections. Retail experience is helpful.

■ Exhibits technician aide — Help maintain and clean museum exhibits.

"Volunteers are entrusted with the task most vital to to the museum. It's through volunteers that visitors are kept informed about the environment and the need to preserve nature and the animals that inhabit our area , and what a fun way to give back to the community!" Reed urged.

She also cited a year-round need for volunteers to assist with visitor services, clerical tasks, the museum library and mass mailings.

Prospective volunteers are asked to offer a minimum of one four-hour shift per week. No experience is necessary, but enthusiasm and a love for Virginia's marine environment is advised. Additional training will be offered.

Reed said she will work with potential volunteers to find just the right niche for them. It's the same for those who are already working there.

"If someone tells me they're not being challenged, I don't want to them to be unhappy. We'll work with them," she said.

Senior citizens are very helpful volunteers — and, they're often just the type people Reed likes to have working with children and the public.

"They're the people you want to introduce to your children. They make good role models." she explained.

Interested volunteers can call for an application or can stop by the museum to pick up one at the admission desks. Call Reed, 437-6020.

Name: Kathleen Reed.

What brought you to this area: The beach and my husband's company.

Hometown: Youngstown, Ohio.

Age: A half a century.

Nickname: Sissy (my husband's name for me).

Occupation: Volunteer coordinator, Virginia Marine Science Museum.

Marital Status: Twenty-eight years happily married to a Prince Charming.

Children: Richard, 21, will graduate in May from George Mason University.

Favorite movies: "While You Were Sleeping" and "The Scarlet Pimpernel" (the original with Leslie Howard).

Magazines I read regularly: *Audubon* and *National Wildlife*.

Favorite authors: Agatha Christie, F. Scott Fitzgerald and John Grisham.

Favorite night out on the town: Restaurant hopping down the boardwalk.

Favorite restaurant: Ragtime in Jacksonville, Fla.

Favorite meal and beverage: Paella and sangria (homemade).

What most people don't know about me: I've always wanted to be a blues singer.

Best thing about myself: My love and concern for people and the earth.

Worst habit: Not finishing what I start.

Pets: Two crazy, sweet cats.

Hobbies: Reading, canoeing, camping, sailing and fishing.

Ideal vacation: Camping with family and friends, but close enough to cities with great museums.

Pet peeves: Litterbugs, especially cigarette-butt tossers.

First job: Cutting wedding cakes for a caterer (my mom).

Least liked job: Substitute teaching English in an inner-city middle school.

Favorite sports team: Norfolk Tides (I love baseball, but live games only).

Favorite musicians: The Beatles and Dramtreeo.

Most embarrassing moment: I have lots of them! Just follow me around someday. My spelling is bad when I do workshops. I try to get others to use the flipchart.

How I would like to be remembered: For my passionate stand on a clean earth.

If I received $1 million: I'd put my son through law school, give some to the museum and the food bank, then book a trip to New Zealand for the America's Cup.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I'd talk about the importance of volunteering and giving back to your community.

Snails, slugs and other slimy creatures at VMSM

The Virginia Marine Science Museum continues the popular Mini-Camp program this spring. Created and designed for children of all ages, the series will focus on seasonal topics with hands-on activities led by experienced staff. Campers are asked to bring a lunch and drink.

This spring's Mini-Camp program includes:

■ Snails, Slugs and Other Slow, Slimy Creatures! - Prepared to be surprised by the wonders that await you as you hike along our nature trail searching for the slipper characters that make their home in the salt water marsh and around our freshwater pond. Have fun touring the museum's new exhibit, Dig into the Dirt. Grades K-3; Wednesday, April 7; 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Main Building. Fee: $10 members/$15 non-members.

■ Owls, Eagles, Osprey and More! - What birds of prey nest in in our area? What, exactly, do owls eat? Learn all this and more as you meet the museum's resident owls, observe osprey nests along the creek and dissect an owl pellet. Grades 3-6; Thursday, April 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Main Building. Fee: $10 members/$15 non-members. For more information call, 425-FISH (3474).

Think positively and use magic

The middle school guidance office at Cape Henry Collegiate School wanted its sixth graders to feel confident as they approached their first formal exam week. The result was a day spent practicing good test-taking techniques. Then came the real power – "The Exam Fairy" who passed out magic pencils. This fairy is really lower school librarian Kathy Graves.

Beach hosts Community Day at new Sportsplex

The city of Virginia Beach and Virginia Beach Public Schools, along with the Hampton Roads Mariners and the Hampton Roads Soccer Council, are hosting Community Day at the Virginia Beach Sportsplex on Saturday, April 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This free event will offer much to see and do for the entire family and for sports fans of all types.

Activities throughout the day will include a youth flag football exhibition by the Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Department Recreation Association; a youth field hockey exhibition by members of the Tidewater Hockey Association; and a youth soccer exhibition by members of the Virginia Beach Soccer Club.

Soccer clinics will be offered throughout the day by the Hampton Roads Mariners, who will also be available for autograph sessions. Children ages 6-12 will be able to "Take a Shot at the Mariners" — a chance to take a shot on goal at a Mariners defender which will be captured on videotape and provided free of charge to parents.

Other highlights include free blood pressure screening, a child safety seat check, bicycle rodeo, tours of the Sportsplex facility, library storytellers and a demonstration jump by Chesapeake Sky Dive Adventures.

A variety of city services will be on display throughout the day, as well, including the Monster Fire Truck, the Virginia Marine Science Museum Touch Tanks, Kids' Safety House on Wheels, the Bookmobile, an interactive Web Site Display, Police Mounted Patrol, K-9 and much more.

The co-sponsors have provided a host of free prizes which will be given away throughout the day including gift certificates for fitness equipment, meals and concert and amusement tickets. One lucky winner will also win a weekend trip to Massanutten Ski Resort, courtesy of Applebee's

Entertainment will be provided by WKOC 93.7 The Coast, during a live remote broadcast. Plus, the event will feature announcing By WCMS Radio Personalities Joe Hoppel, Jim Long and Eric Stevens, who have volunteered their time to assist with the event.

Museum summer camps feature ocean themes

Summer is just around the corner, so plan ahead and register for one of the fun and educational Virginia Marine Science Museum Summer Day Camps. Created for families and children of all ages, the camps focus on the marine environment with age appropriate discussions and hands-on activities.

Registration Is required and can be made in person only at the museum on Monday, April 19 at 9 a.m. for members and Friday, April 23 at 9 a.m. for non-members, or by calling 437-6007 for a registration form. Campers should bring a bag lunch.

Camps include:

■ Family Marine Science Camp (ages 5+) - Back by popular demand! Theme around the diversity of Virginia's marine environment, this camp has fun for the whole family. Activities include taking a boat trip off the coast, learning how to set up and maintain a salt water aquarium, as well as identifying live animals and learning about their behaviors. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. July 1-2; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Owls Creek Marsh Pavilion - Discovery Room. Fee Is $55 per person member/$75 per person non-members.

■ Sea Camp Sampler (ages 7 to 10) - Explore favorite topics such as marine animals and fossils. Campers will explore the museum's trails, make crafts and participate in other hands-on activities. June 28-30; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Owls Creek Marsh Pavilion - Discovery Room. Fee $150 members/$175 non-members.

■ Sea Camp (ages 7 to 8) - Campers learn the marvels of marine science through field trips, hands-on discovery experiences, crafts and games. Activities include boat excursions to observe marine life. June 21-25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Owls Creek Marsh Pavilion - Discovery Room. Fee $200 members/$235 non-members.

■ Sea Camp (ages 9 to 12) - This exciting camp takes children on numerous field trips to investigate marine life of Virginia waters and teaches them how to maintain a saltwater aquarium. Campers also go on an ocean collections boat trip to see some of the animals beneath the surface of the ocean. July 12-16 or July 26-30 or Aug. 2-6 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Owls Creek Marsh Pavilion - Discovery Room. Fee $200 members/$235 non-members.

■ Sea Camp (ages 12 to 16) - Campers in this popular camp will learn about local fish and invertebrates. Species identification, saltwater aquarium maintenance and habitat diversity will be covered. Aug. 9-13; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Owls Creek Marsh Pavilion - Discovery Room. Fee $225 members/$250 non-members.

Payments must accompany registration form the day of registration or through the mail with registration form. Five day campers receive a sea camp T-shirt. Due to field trips, some days may be longer than times specified.

Management workshop set

Virginia Beach Cooperative Extension will be conducting a workshop for professional grounds managers who would like to learn how to improve or protect lake and pond water quality through best management practices. The workshop will be held Tuesday, May 11 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Agriculture Research Station, 1444 Diamond Springs Rd.

Topics to be covered include aquatic plant identification, shoreline/buffer management, aquatic weed management techniques and equipment demonstrations. A $30 registration fee includes breaks, lunch, and training handbook. Class size is limited to 25.

Advance registration is required by contacting 427-4769. For more information contact Randy Jackson, 427-4769.

Glenwood hosts SOL workshop for parents

Glenwood Elementary School will facilitate a parenting workshop discussing the Standards of Learning Tests on Tuesday, May 4 at 7 p.m. in the school's library. The workshop will explain what the Standards of Learning are all about and implications for students. Parents can find out what they can do at home to help their child better prepare for these tests. If interested in attending this workshop contact the guidance department, 471-5858.

League preps for Whale of a Sale

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

Billing the Whale of a Sale as the "biggest yard sale" in Hampton Roads is no exaggeration.

This weekend's fundraiser for the Junior League of Norfolk-Virginia Beach is one of the area's most eagerly awaited events for bargain hunters.

A treasure trove of steals, "The Whale" — as it's affectionately called — is Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the annex of First Baptist Church Bute Street in Norfolk.

Money raised will benefit FOR Kids, formerly the Haven Family Center, which helps homeless families gain permanent independence and stability for their children.

Months of planning go into making the ultimate yard sale one of the League's largest fundraisers.

"Once everyone does their piece, it all comes together," said event co-chair Kim Greene, a third-year Leaguer and Virginia Beach resident.

"The preparation is mostly getting the information to the League members and telling them how much they're supposed to bring (members have a quota of merchandise to fill).

"Then we have to get all the personnel set up to man the sale and come up with new ways to publicize it. We also try to get merchant donations — maybe return items and that type of thing they want to get off their hands."

It's never easy pinpointing a date, and location is critical.

"We started looking at the calendar back in August trying to find a date. You run into Easter weekend, spring break and other things. This year we picked this date before we realized it was the Azalea Festival Parade," said Greene.

Photo by Victoria Hecht

A WHALE OF A SALE. Kim Greene has been working for months to organize The Junior League of Norfolk-Virginia Beach's annual Whale of a Sale. It's Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Norfolk.

The League is hoping that will actually work in their favor. With more people downtown for the parade, they may make a day of it attending Whale of a Sale, too.

"So we decided to go ahead with it," Greene said.

In past years, The Whale has been held at Scope, an empty warehouse and various other downtown Norfolk locations. The key is maximum table and floor space with enough room for people to circulate.

All the better to score a good "find," said Greene.

"There have been stories told about other Junior League sales. We hear from people who shop yard sales routinely and they say 'Well, this is a good bargain!' I don't know if we ever had a Chippendale chair and no one knew it, but last year someone found some sterling silver and bought it."

Sale items include furniture, clothing, household items, toys, infant and child care items and plenty more at bargain prices.

"We're hoping it's big. We want everything to sell," said Greene.

The goal is $12,000 after expenses earmarked for FOR (Families Opportunities and Resources) Kids. Smaller amounts will be given to other community organizations.

Other projects of the Junior League of Norfolk-Virginia Beach are the Norfolk Zoo, Career Clothes Closet and the Community Response Fund.

The League, with 500 active, provisional and sustaining members dedicated to volunteerism, raise money through The Whale, A Toast to Tidewater auction and sale of the "Tidewater on the Half Shell" cookbook.

First Baptist Church Bute Street is located on Brambleton Avenue east of Scope next door to Norfolk Wholesale Florist.

Neptune's Festival Brazil will sizzle

The Virginia Beach Neptune Festival celebrates its 26th anniversary with an exciting schedule of free events and activities for all ages and interests.

The theme of this year's event is Neptune's Festival Brazil and the fun will sizzle Sept. 24-26 as the Neptune Festival's Boardwalk Weekend gets underway on the Virginia Beach oceanfront.

Highlights of the 1999 Neptune Festival include the always breathtaking Neptune Festival Air Show complete with concerts and exhibits, hosted by Oceana Naval Air Station. The year's exciting air show double feature is the always popular United States Navy Blue Angels and the Canadian Snowbirds.

It is indeed a rare opportunity to see both of these world class precision air teams perform at the same event. The Neptune Festival Wine Tasting will be back for its third popular year along with the Surf Fishing Tournament.

A crowd favorite continues to be The North American Sand Sculpting Championships; a contest with entry divisions for children, corporations, solo master sculptors and for the first time, master team sculptors from around the world.

Throughout Boardwalk Weekend, enjoy free concerts daily at three festival stages and Neptune Festival Art Show featuring artists and craftsmen from around the country. Saturday night will end with a big band as the Neptune Festival Fireworks light up the sky from the 14th Street Pier.

There is so much to do, festival goers won't want to miss a single minute.

Most events and activities of the 1999 Neptune Festival are free and open to the public. Some, however, do require advance registration and/or ticket purchase and have limited availability. All events are listed on the enclosed Calendar of Events.

In addition to the many free activities and concerts of the Neptune Festival there will also be plenty of taste tempting treats for every pallette. Fresh seafood, steak and cheese subs, zesty and spicy sausages, Mediterranean and Greek delights, smoked turkey legs, chicken, tuna and veggie pitas, French fries, funnel cakes and more are among this year's offerings.

And to wash it all down, there will be plenty of iced cold tea, lemonade, shaved ice, soft drinks and ice cold products by Budweiser.

■ May 19 - King Neptune's Invitational Golf Tournament, heron's Ridge Golf Club.

■ June 25-27 - Neptune Festival Tennis Tournament, Virginia Beach Tennis and Country Club.

■ Sept. 4-5 - Neptune Festival Soccer Classic, Hampton Roads Soccer Complex.

■ Sept. 11 King Neptune's Presentation and Grand Ball, Cavalier Beach Club.

■ Sept. 16 - Neptune Festival Interfaith Prayer Breakfast, Cavalier Beach Club.

■ Sept. 17 - Neptune Festival/NAS Oceana Twilight Air Show, Oceana Naval Air Station.

■ Sept. 17-19 - Neptune Festival/NAS Oceana Air Show, Oceana Naval Air Station.

■ Sept. 18 - Neptune Festival Wine Tasting, 24th Street Park.

■ Sept. 19 - Neptune Festival's Sandman Triathlon, Oceanfront/Boardwalk.

■ Sept. 23 - Neptune Festival Seniors Ball, Virginia Beach Pavilion.

■ Boardwalk Weekend events (Sept. 24-26) include:

■ Sept. 23-24 - Neptune Surf Fishing Tournament, Dam Neck Beach.

■ Sept. 24 - King Neptune's Concert, 24th Street Park.

■ Sept. 24-26 - Neptune Festival Art Show, 18th-28th Streets on the Boardwalk; Neptune Festival Entertainment, 3 stages of live musical entertainment; Entertainment TBA, stages at 13th, 17th and 24th streets.

■ Sept. 25 - Neptune Festival Fireworks, off 14th Street Pier; Neptune's 8K Run, start and finish at 24th Street Park; Youth Day, 15th - 16th streets on the Beach; Neptune Festival Cheerleading Competition, 11th Street on the Beach.

■ Sept. 25-26 - North American Sandsculpting Championships, 4th and 10th streets; Neptune's Surfing Classic; Neptune Volley Ball Tournament, 1st and 3rd streets on the beach; Inflatable Beach Games.

■ Sept. 26 - Grand Parade; Youth Art Show, 27th - 28th streets on the Boardwalk; King Neptune's Final Brunch.

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Students become opera stars

Fourth graders at Cape Henry Collegiate School worked with Virginia Opera's education office recently to hone their skills. The youths auditioned for various roles, and those who were chosen practiced all morning with the opera cast to put on a smashing performance of "The Pied Piper of Hamlin" for Cape Henry's lower school. C.A. Martel, opera technician, Is pictured with students Gavin Monroe, Katie Pawlowski, Marguite McNeal and Paige Davies.

Artist crafts monster project

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The whole process had to be done systematically, Dilatush said, because the serpent's body, wings, and head had to be in the proper proportion. He decided how long he wanted the serpent to be, then drew plans to scale and calculated how much wood he would need.

The head, in particular, had to be calculated so that the creature's crowning glory, his huge whelk shell teeth, would fit neatly inside his mouth. Now, the creature, whom Dilatush dubbed "Woody," leers at onlookers, jaws open and huge teeth barred.

But don't worry, his creator said. Woody only eats mean people.

Woody is perhaps Dilatush's most spectacular creation so far, but the landscape artist also designs topiary, or living plant sculptures, butterfly and rock gardens, and commercial landscaping projects. Several Sandbridge houses are adorned with the hardy sand-loving plants, stone walkways and driftwood arches that have become his trademark.

Dilatush strives to create gardens that are low-maintenance, environmentally friendly, fragrant and colorful. He also likes it when they grab attention. Although he speaks knowledgeably about plants, his first love is sculpture.

"I like to incorporate three-dimensional art in my work," he said.

Dilatush, who grew up in New Jersey, discovered as a young child that he had a talent for drawing and sculpting. His mother, an artist, encouraged his interest in art, while his father, a landscaper, taught him to appreciate plants and rugged, outdoor work.

"My father doesn't want to admit it, but he's an artist too, with his plants," Dilatush said. "He used to take us primitive camping, and he taught us to observe animals, wildflowers, everything. I try to imitate nature in everything I do."

Dilatush, who worked with his father after attending college as an art major, moved to Virginia Beach in the early 1980s. His father, he said, advised him that Virginia would be a lucrative area for landscapers because of the state's rapid residential growth.

"I worked for awhile as caretaker and gardener at the old Cashvan Arabian Farm," he said, "and on weekends I'd try to find outside gardening jobs."

Virginia Beach, with its varied soil texture and temperature extremes, presented a unique challenge for Dilatush. He researched plants to learn what would survive in the dry sandy beachfront environment. He also learned what would thrive in heavy, wet clay soils, which plants would bloom for long periods of time with little maintenance and no pesticides, and which ones attracted butterflies.

"I have a whole library of research books at home," Dilatush said. "But I still craved combing art and landscaping. I started collecting pieces of driftwood, although at the time I didn't know what I was collecting it for."

"Then I started making small sculptures," Dilatush added, "but I had the urge to make larger things."

The idea for Woody was born when "I received a call from a homeowner who wanted something that would be low maintenance. I went over and looked at his house, and I had a couple of ideas right away. So I slept on them and I decided on the sea serpent."

The monster's dimensions changed a little during the construction period when Dilatush decided to use the massive shells as teeth.

"At first, I had an idea of something that was more like a snake, with a smaller head, he said. "But the head had to get bigger so that I could add the teeth."

Dilatush collected most of the driftwood while he was canoeing along the James River, which he described as "a good spot for driftwood" because of trees that line the river's banks. Choosing driftwood for sculptures can be a time-consuming process, and finding pieces the right size and shape for the creature's wings was particularly troublesome.

"I found one piece that looked like the skeleton of a wing," he said, but it took about two days to find another piece to match it.

The finished product is worth the trouble, Dilatush added, because of the reactions it gets from passers-by. "I want as many oohs and ahs as I can get," he said, "and landscaping doesn't do that as well as sea serpents."

Dilatush isn't sure what his next major project will be, but he'd like to devote more time to creating sculptures from driftwood and plants. He'd also like to try his hand at teaching because he enjoys working with kids.

Youngsters share his imagination and sense of adventure, and they have an appreciation for his work that adults sometimes lack, he said.

"I taught topiary to some sixth grade students as a volunteer teacher in Ocracoke," he said. "We made a mushroom out of plants: it was five feet tall and five feet wide. I think that I'd like to design amusement parks someday, I think that kids would really love some of the things I could create."

"My brain is never used enough," Dilatush continued. "I want to use my brain as much as I use my muscles."

TAKING A BREAK. Landscape artist Scott Dilatush has discovered that many desert plants grow well in Sandbridge's sunny, sandy yards. Sitting among this is a peaceful getaway.

Miss Jabberwock contest set for Sunday; 14 ladies compete

The Chesapeake-Virginia Beach Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will host its first Miss Jabberwock Contest Saturday at 6 p.m.

This event is an educational, cultural and fund-raising activity that will culminate in one of 14 young ladies from the Hampton Roads area being crowned Miss Jabberwock 1999 and receiving a college scholarship.

Throughout their endeavors the pageant participants have been involved in many activities including a Kwanzaa celebration in December, a visit to the Henrietta Marie exhibit at Nauticus, visits to local churches along with charm school sessions and a women's history month lecture in March.

The participants have all worked successfully over the past six months fundraising to help support our scholarship efforts.

This debutante-style extravaganza will take place at Oscar Smith High School in Chesapeake. There is no charge to attend.

The contestants are:

■ Nicole Baker, daughter of Jackie and Carlton Baker, a Granby High School senior.

■ Letitia Black, daughter of Brian and Elizabeth Black, a First Colonial High School senior.

■ Lula Bright, daughter of Charlie and Kathy Bright, an Oscar Smith High School senior.

■ Sabrina Davis, daughter of Alice and Victor Davis, a Maury High School junior.

■ Teena Felton, daughter of Ruby Felton, an Oscar Smith High School junior.

■ Dana Harper, daughter of Ann Harper, a Tallwood High School junior.

■ Nicole Holloway, daughter of Sharon and Kenneth Holloway, an Indian River High School junior.

■ Erica Hughes, daughter of Peggy and Everard Hughes, an Oscar Smith High School junior.

■ Michelle James, daughter of John and Betty James, an Oscar Smith High School junior.

■ Arl Lewis, daughter of Silvia Bildy and Poindexter Lewis, a Tallwood High School junior.

■ Tiffany Martin, daughter of Patricia Martin, a Norview High School senior.

■ Alicia O'Neal, daughter of Sandra O'Neal, a Lake Taylor High School junior.

■ Sandra Smith, daughter of Sandy and Lesa Smith, an Indian River High School senior.

■ Tamarra Steverson, daughter of Michael and Cynthia Steverson, a Western Branch High School junior.

Walt Michael and Co. in concert at Land House

The Tidewater Friends of Folk Music (TFFM) will present Walt Michael and Company in concert at the Francis Land House Historic Site and Gardens on Saturday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Considered a virtuoso of tremendous influence in the revival of the hammered dulcimer, Michael's wide repertoire ranges from old-time Southern Appalachian to Celtic to breathtaking original compositions. His various musical incarnations have spanned 27 years and taken him from the coal camps of Appalachia to the Closing Ceremonies of the 13th Olympic Winter Games.

A vocalist and multi-instrumentalist, he has recorded nine albums, appeared at the Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center and toured extensively throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe and the UK.

Hailed as "a master flatpicker," Bullock is also one of a handful of masters of the cittern, a flat-backed double-strung instrument often called a bouzouki. Ralph Gordon is a much sought-after free-lance musician (bass and cello) performing and teaching in the Washington, D.C. area. He is classically trained and performs in a variety of styles from classical to blues and jazz.

Reservations are required. Call 431-4000. Tickets are $12, $10 for TFFM members. The Francis Land House is located at 3131 Virginia Beach Blvd. in Virginia Beach.

City dumps phone fee 6-4

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or's request to find the money for technology elsewhere.

Oberndorf objected specifically to a comment, "It is already clear that there is both a desire by some to discontinue the telecommunications fee and add a number of items to the budget and capital program. Recently, you have asked us to look again at revenues and at areas of possible reductions. This memorandum responds to that request."

Oberndorf said that shortly after the date of the vote, she felt "we needed to take a hard look (at finding funding for technology)." She took the statement from Block to be a "chastisement."

City Manager James K. Spore said that a lot of things are changing right now and that reviewing the budget is a lengthy process. He said the memo "was not meant to chastise anybody."

Oberndorf said that she appreciated the fact that staff worked hard over the weekend to put the memo together, but her goal was to do away with the tax and nothing was said about adding programs. She said that she felt that the statement was a "harpoon to my heart."

Block apologized and said that some folks want to add programs but not make any recommendations on what or how the budget can be reduced.

Oberndorf also questioned the inference in a statement that "Virginia Beach has been so successful in pursing its objectives in the thoughtful, measured and open manner in which City Council has acted. This is reflected in the way in which the council has led the region in defining destination points, developing strategies and following up on planned sections while maintaining its fiscal sustainability. By taking a long view more has been accomplished. This combination of prudence and teamwork has caused better results."

Of the three speakers on the new resolution, two were opposed to the fee and one in favor.

Oberndorf said that "this has not been an easy position for me." She said that in 23 years she has not changed her vote. She placed some of the blame of the city's predicament on the General Assembly. She said that without one penny of support, the General Assembly mandated the technology program.

She said Jones and Harrison, with School Board members, reduced what technology was originally estimated to cost from $72 million to $22 million. She said that the state rates all students and the city will be in a bad light if the students are not taught.

Eure said that while the mayor certainly had her heart, she wanted to wait until the money could be found in the budget. She moved to defer the resolution for two weeks, but her motion did not receive a second.

Weeks said he was supportive of finding the money in the budget.

Harrison said he did not agree with the mayor's rezoning. He said that the city was liable to the School Board which agreed to use $16 million of its budget and $3.5 million of its surplus to fund most of the program. But $12 million was still needed. Harrison said the city had to find a continuing source of money for eight years. He said that five weeks ago the budget director and the city manager said they would not be able to find a continuing source of funds. "Nothing has changed in five weeks." He said that this is a leadership decision. "We made the right choice five weeks ago."

Of the bill that came out of the 1998 General Assembly which permits the phone fee but with users paying the fee, Branch said it is "probably one of the lousiest pieces of legislation that has ever come out of Richmond."

He said the Virginia Municipal League lobbies for a year to have a right-of-way tax (paid by the companies) "land that's what we get." He said that he was going through the budget trying to find funds for technology but "that's not a decision I can make today."

Henley said she could not change her position on the fee.

"Folks don't like fees," she noted. She said that the imposition of the fee was done hurriedly out of the budget process. "Act in haste; repent at leisure. That's what happened here."

Jones said, in reference to Harrison's statement on the council's commitment to the School Board, in addition to the $16 million and other $3.5 million for technology, the School Board also agreed to spend $5 million for the implementation of the technology program.

After a thorough examination, the council/school board committee brought the cost down from $60 million to $22 million, Jones said. He said the only way to provide the $12 million over eight years was a new source of revenue — or to cut programs that are essential.

He said that City Council and School Board have had some bad times, but now there is a new light. The School Board has shown good faith in working with council."

Of the original deadline for passage of the phone fee, March 15, Oberndorf said that the companies said they needed 120 days to include the charge in the bills.

There also was some discussion on the fact that the city will receive payments from the phone companies quarterly. But while the companies have the money they can be invested profitably.

Block said that that the bill was "not a wonderful piece of legislation for the cities, but it was something we lobbied for." Not in that form.

Although the Virginia Beach council members appeared to know little about the legislation — Branch asked that legislators be asked to come in and explain it, McClanan said that the legislation was given big play in the *Richmond Times Dispatch*. The consumers were up there, too, she said.

Block said that maybe "we need better reporting."

Transit merger vote set for May 4; light rail tangled

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organization, would have no more representation on the merged commission than any other member. As the agreement is written, the commission would be composed of two commissioners representing each component government and one commissioner representing the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Plans also call for two members of the General Assembly to serve, after the merger, one from the house and one from the senate, one from the Peninsula and one from Southside.

Clark said that a merged organization will provide a strong regional identity.

He said that an initial concern was finances — Pentran had a $2 million debt and no reserves while TRT had $2 million reserves and no debt. He said the concern was how Pentran got into that fix and whether Michael Townes, the executive director of Pentran who will become executive director of the merged organization — he now serves as interim director of TRT — had anything to do with the situation.

Clark said that the decision to spend down the reserves to zero was made by the commission and whatever was done was with the full knowledge of the commission. The cities of Hampton and Newport News will be required to contribute the capital.

He said that nobody on Pentran or TRT can adopt services in a specific city that the city does not want to pay for.

No services would be implemented in a city unless the member city votes for the service.

Any capital expenditure of more than $10 million requires a two-third vote of the commission — Virginia Beach had requested a cap of $5 million.

For a tax, such as the gas tax, to be approved by the commission would require a two-third vote.

To recommend a tax increase to the General Assembly would require a two-third vote.

The by-laws cannot be changed without a two-third vote.

To date $116,005 has been sent on the merger and upon merger, the cost will be an added $422,700.

The merged organization, the Hampton Roads Transportation District Commission (HRTDC), Townes said, will have 950 employees at a cost of $36 to $37 million. The operating and capital budgets combined would be $80 million.

City Manager James K. Spore noted that the executive salaries tended to be higher in the transit agencies than in the city.

Any gas tax imposed would be controlled by the General Assembly, Townes said, and there will be a lot of strings attached.

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf noted that the Hampton Roads Partnership endorsed the merger, citing cost savings and saying that the merger would be in the best interest of the region.

Sessoms, in discussing Wright's letter, said that if Virginia Beach does not participate in lightrail, the cost for the other communities would be higher.

He said he heard figures on the possible gas tax of 3.5 to 5 cents and in a few years that would go up to 7 cents to pay for light rail. He said that the city also has the option to get involved in light rail and hook up at Newtown Road.

Townes said the impact study on the east-west line is complete and no further work will be done on this since it is clear Virginia Beach does not desire further study.

The alternatives facing the city on May 4 are:

■ Approve the merger as proposed or with appropriate terms and/or conditions.

■ Oppose the merger. In the event the merger is approved despite the city's objections it could explore replacement services through contractual arrangements with public/private transportation progiders.

■ Oppose the merger and initiate efforts to create a transportation department or separate TDC Transportation District Commission to serve Virginia Beach and other interested localities.

The staff has recommended merging the commissions as a major accomplishment for the region.

Judge is king, too

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North Carolina as a teen, Adams knows what it's like to be new to the area. In 1968, he moved to Tidewater to serve as clerk to Judge John A. MacKenzie.

The Washington and Lee graduate then practiced law with Willcox, Savage, Lawrence, Dickson and Spindle until 1972, when he became a partner in the firm of Agelasto, Bernard and Adams.

In 1974, he formed Taylor, Walker, Bernard and Adams, where he practiced until joining the firm Clark and Stant in 1987 as principal in charge of the creditors' and debts' rights law practice group.

He left the firm in 1993, having been recognized in "The Best Lawyers in America," upon his appointment to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. He is resident senior judge.

Adams is very active in the community.

He is a former deacon and elder of First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach and is a member of Eastern Shore Chapel Episcopal Church. He served on the board for the Hermitage Museum and Princess Anne Country Club, serving as secretary for the latter for 11 years.

He served as director of Cavalier Golf and Yacht Club for six years and was its commodore in 1994. He was appointed a member of the Neptune Festival Board of Directors in 1998 and was a Triton to 1997 king Will Sessoms.

Adams is an avid yachtsman and enjoys swimming and cycling.

A direct descendent of presidents John Adams, John Quincy Adams and lexicographer Noah Webster, Adams lives in Virginia Beach with his wife, Bonnie. They have seven grown children.

Packer's talk packs inspiring power punch

By Kerry Barboza
Intern

Reggie White knows a thing or two about the importance of teamwork. He credits it with helping his Green Bay Packers reach the National Football League's version of the "promised land" in 1997.

That year in Super Bowl XXXI the Packers defeated the New England Patriots to become World Champions.

On Friday, the 6'5", 300-pound White addressed an audience of 900 people at the YMCA's fifth annual Prayer Breakfast and stressed the importance of teamwork among the church today.

The YMCA of South Hampton Roads sponsored the event, which was held at the Founders Inn in Virginia Beach, and was co-sponsored by Hampton Roads United Christians and Regent University.

White based his speech on I Corinthians 12, which shows how the church is made up of many parts, yet these parts form one body.

According to him, everyone has a role in the Church just like on a team.

"God is the coach and he is trying to give us instructions," said White.

His team enjoyed success because there were no cliques, envy nor jealousy among the teammates. White doesn't think the church today has reached that point.

"The church today is doing things they are not supposed to be doing, just like a player who isn't fulfilling his role on a team," he said.

Because of this, White doesn't think Christ is coming back for his bride — the church — anytime soon, because Christ said he would only return for a bride that was "without spot or blemish." "His bride is too ugly, and no man is going to marry an ugly bride," said White.

"If you don't benefit the team, you go home," White told the receptive audience. "I think God is getting ready to cut some people off the team," he continued.

White continued the parallels between football and Christianity by mentioning the importance of training camp. He said the routine at camp can become boring but it better prepares a team for the regular season.

"Routine is boring and sometimes reading the bible is boring, but you have to do it," said White.

Chairman of the Board for YMCA of South Hampton Roads Bruce Handley said, "Reggie White embodies all that is good with sports and competition." "He is a man of character," said Handley.

"Reggie is a man's man who made the decision to humble himself and accept Christ," said Dr. Raymond Stiles, co-chairperson of Hampton Roads United Christians.

"He is a man who has so much money he can do whatever he wants, but he chooses to be a spokesperson for God."

White believes God is raising Christian athletes like himself and Deion Sanders of the Dallas Cowboys to be spokesmen for God to show the church the importance of teamwork.

"The church has a responsibility to unite," said White. White, nicknamed "The Minister of Defense," retired this year from the National Football League after a stellar career in which he was voted to the NFL's 75th anniversary All-Time Team in 1994.

He is the NFL's all-time career sack leader with 176.5 sacks, and leads the league with the most consecutive Pro Bowl appearances.

Also, he has written an autobiographical book "In the Trenches" and is co-pastor of Innercity Church in East Knoxville, Tenn.

INSPIRNG TALK. Reggie White, a former Green Bay Packer, delivered the address for the YMCA Prayer Breakfast.

Photo by Bob Ruegsegger

Special moment for artist, church

Sculptor Wilfredo Quilon, left, and his family were present for the dedication of his Holy Family sculpture at St. Matthew Catholic Church on Saturday. The woodcarving took nearly two years to complete. The Rev. Timothy Drake congratulates him on the achievement. Quilon's sculpture was carved from poplar and maple.

New Beach jail ready in four years — at earliest

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

The $57 million jail addition in the proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the next six years will take at least four years to complete even if the cogs were set in motion today, Sheriff Frank Drew told City Council at a work session last week.

In fact, he said, building a jail periodically is a given considering the increasing jail population. In 10 years, he said, "If we continue, we'll be spending more on prisons than education and children."

The existing jail, built to house something over 563 inmates, was over capacity on the day it opened in 1992. He said he hoped the same mistake would not happen again. The new addition will be designed to house 500 inmates.

Drew also said that the 1992 addition was attached to another, smaller facility so that the combined facility had two of everything (e.g. two kitchens) and proved to be very cost ineffective.

He said that the city officials are trying to look at the new addition differently. Instead of having the old-fashioned long corridors, cells of 50 or 100 will be built in individual pods surrounding a space for the deputy. It will save on long corridors.

A needs study team, with an appropriation of $300,000 from the city, has made recommendations for the more modern and efficient design for the new jail and has selected an architectural firm to work on the project. Drew said the report is not quite complete.

Drew said that the city's General Assembly representatives are confident that the city will receive 25 percent toward the cost of the construction.

The addition will be located behind the present jail but to do this both the general services/building maintenance building and the landscape services building will have to be relocated — on city-owned property in Lake Ridge. Relocating these buildings will free land for parking for the corrections center and the judicial center.

Drew said that unless something changes "we'll always have to build a new jail." He attributed the increase in arrests — 27,889 in 1998 — to the greater number of police officers and the greater number of arrests and the abolishment of parole. He said that where 38 to 40 percent of the prisoners were paroled previously, now that figure is 8 percent.

Another contributing factor, he said, is the get tough on inmates stance.

If you don't have parole, he said, you have to have a program like work program. He said that people are serving three times as much time as they used to.

Another factor contributing the the high cost of prisons, is the policy of the Commonwealth that requires 105 square feet per prisoner where the national standard is 80 square feet.

"To have the safest city is expensive."

Sheriff Frank Drew

He said the prison makes money on its federal prisoners which now average 22 a day at $44 a day. Immigration services also house prisoners, approximately 100 at a time for two or three weeks.

As for a regional jail, he said that regional jails do not work for major cities. If Virginia Beach had entered the regional jail program, the most prisoners it could have housed there are 250.

"To have the safest city," he said, "is expensive."

While the city is responsible for most of the construction money, Drew said that 85 percent of the operations funding comes from the state.

The construction of the facility is dependent on the lifting of the state freeze on reimbursements for local jail expansion.

In answer to a question from Mayor Meyera Oberndorf on the literacy of the inmates, Drew said that everybody who comes in is tested, that the jail has two full-time teachers, that a basic literacy program is offered and that arrangements are made for GED certificates. The sad part, he said, is "the only thing we can do locally is teach them to read and write. He said that national figures on recidivism are very high, but each program saves a few people.

Part of the funding for the facility will come from "599" funds — $24,481,000

E. Dean Block, director of management, said that "599" revenue is not a tax or fee, but is considered financial assistance from the commonwealth to localities with qualifying police departments. In 1979 the General Assembly passed House Bill 599 which rescinded localities' right to annex and expand and in exchange, the state was to provide annual funding to localities which was to increase annually.

However, the amount of this funding has stayed the same since 1990.

Annually the city has received approximately $6 million which it includes as revenue in the operating budget to support police department operations. According to the state's 1998-2000 biennium budget, the city will receive an additional $9.7 million a year.

This money is programmed in the proposed capital improvement program for one-time funding for public safety issues such as the Bayside Police Precinct and the jail expansion.

City Manager James K. Spore said that without 599 funds and the lottery funds (for schools) "we would have a lot of problems."

Sports Club honors best scholar athletes

The Virginia Beach Sports Club will honor the city's finest student athletes and coaches Monday, April 19 during the annual Jamboree. The event will be held at the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel at 36th Street.

Guest speaker will be Edward E. Brickell, a former scholar athlete and president of Eastern Virginia Medical School.

Proceeds from the 46th annual Jamboree will benefit the sports club's scholarship fund. Each year the organization gives away 10 $2,000 scholarships to Virginia Beach student athletes.

The Jamboree starts out at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour. Tickets are $30. Call Shel Corner, 428-1731, to reserve tickets.

Team hosts Relay for Life warm-up at Trashmore

Teams from the city of Virginia Beach will participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life are planning a day of family fun at Mount Trashmore on April 24. The event will feature fun activities for all ages throughout the day including:

■ 5K Run/Walk. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the races begin at 9 a.m. There is a suggested donation of $5.

■ Scavenger Hunt. Test your knowledge of the Relay for life and American Cancer Society facts. The hunt is free (but clues may cost you).

■ Other activities include a 10 a.m. puppet show, clown entertainment at 11 a.m. and country line dancing classes at noon.

The event is part of the efforts to raise money for the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life, to be held May 14-15.

Duo performs African-American spirituals

"The Two Basses," Peter D. Lucas and Dr. Benjamin Berry, Virginia Wesleyan professor of history and American studies, will perform a concert of African-American spirituals and art songs at 2 p.m., Sunday in the Monumental Chapel on the campus of Virginia Wesleyan College. They will be accompanied by Terry Butler.

The concert will feature works by several African-American composers, including: Harry T. Burleigh, Hall Johnson, R. Johnson, Margaret Bond and Willis L. James. There will be a special tribute to the late Wendell Whalum, former director of the Morehouse Glee Club. The concert is free.

Berry began his formal music training at the knees of his mother Otis Holly, herself a concert singer and one of the first African-Americans to have her own radio program in New York during the 1920's.

He continued his vocalizing under the tutelage of Wendell Whalum as a member of the prestigious Morehouse College Glee Club.

Lucas began his formal vocal training at Morehouse College. He was baritone soloist for the world renowned Morehouse College Glee Club, under the direction of Dr. Wendell P. Whalum. Lucas has studied at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, and has sung with the United States Air Force Glee Club at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi. He has also performed as a member of the Legacy of Weyanoke.

Call the college, 455-3200, for more information.

Peter D. Lucas and Dr. Benjamin Perry

LEGAL NOTICES

TRUSTEE SALE
312 Harrier Street
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Grimaldi Murphy and Sofia Murphy dated April 9, 1986 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 2495, page 2167, securing a loan which was originally $57,750.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on May 14, 1999 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 1, Block B, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Northridge, Section 3." Tax Map #1467-76-1963-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of $5,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
750 Miller Drive, Suite C2
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED LEASE OF
CITY PROPERTY

The Virginia Beach City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 27, 1999 regarding the lease of City owned property located at 2200 Parks Avenue to the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia.

The purpose of this public hearing will be to obtain public comment on this lease of City property. Any questions concerning the proposed lease should be directed to C. Mac Rawls, Department of Museums and Cultural Arts, at (757) 437-4949.

The public hearing will be conducted at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Interested persons may appear at such time and place to present their views. If you are physically disabled, or hearing or visually impaired, and you need assistance at this meeting, please call 427-4305, Voice/TDD.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
4729 Overman Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Arthur E. Frye, Jr. and Clarissa K. Frye dated August 31, 1994 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3429, page 2173, securing a loan which was originally $77,400.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on May 5, 1999 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 6, in Block 25 as shown on a plat entitled "Subdivision of Aragona Village, Section 6." Tax Map #1478 34 5018 0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of $7,500.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP994691

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
750 Miller Drive, Suite C2
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF FEE INCREASES

On Tuesday, May 11, 1999, at 2:00 p.m., the Virginia Beach City Council will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING regarding:

1) "An ordinance to Amend and Reordain the Subdivision Regulations of the City Code By Increas-

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ing the Fees Charged for Subdivision Plat Review Pursuant to Section 8.1 of the Subdivision Regulations from Residential (over 5 lots), Preliminary, $734 plus $5 per lot after the first 5 lots; Final, $367 plus $5 per lot after the first 5 lots; Residential (3-5 lots), $525 plus $104 per lot; Residential (2 lots), $209; Nonresidential, Preliminary, $732 plus $32 per lot; Final, $360 plus $35 per lot; Construction Plans, $157 plus $53 per 100 linear feet of roadway; Revisions, $105 per sheet; Resubdivision, Residential, $52, and Nonresidential, $209, to: Residential (over 5 lots), Preliminary, $990 plus $6 per lot after the first 5 lots; Final, $495 plus $6 per lot after the first 5 lots; Residential (3-5 lots), $700 plus $140 per lot; Residential (2 lots), $280; Nonresidential, Preliminary, $985 plus $42 per lot; Final, $485 plus $45 per lot; Construction Plans, $210 plus $70 per 100 linear feet of roadway; Revisions, $140 per sheet; and Resubdivision, Residential, $70, and Nonresidential, $280."

The Authority for enactment of the proposed revisions is found in Section 15.2-2241(9), 1102, 1125 of the Code of Virginia and Section 2.02 (e) of the City Charter.

2) "An Ordinance to Amend and Reordain the Site Plan Ordinance of the City Code by Increasing the Fees Charged for Site Plan Review Pursuant to Section 3.2 A.2 of the Site Plan Ordinance from Residential, $629 plus $20 per unit after the first 5 units; Nonresidential, $837 plus $63 per acre; Duplex, $418; CBPA Single family, $209; and CBPA abbreviated review, $100, to: Residential $845 plus $25 per unit after the first 5 units; Nonresidential, $1130 plus $85 per acre; Duplex, $560; CBPA Single family, $280; and CBPA abbreviated review, $135."

The authority for enactment of the proposed increase is found in Section 15.2-2286(6), 1102, 1125 of the Code of Virginia and Section 2.02(e) of the City Charter.

A copy of the complete ordinances, and information concerning the documentation and justification for the proposed increases, are available in the Office of the City Clerk. All interested persons are invited to attend.

RUTH HODGES SMITH, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf)

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2t4-23

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
5920 Buckminister Lane
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Larry A. Simms dated November 7, 1978 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 1841, page 424, securing a loan which was originally $42,200.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on May 5, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 54, on that plat entitled "Subdivision of Wesleyan Forest." Tax Map #1468-02-5283-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of $2,800.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP994765
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
750 Miller Drive, Suite C2
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

Virginia:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

Commonwealth of Virginia,
Plaintiff v.

$320.00 United States Currency (James D. Berry) CL97-002749;

1997 Dodge Van, VIN#: B11AB7X231579, LIC#: ZMP-2315, (Terry Cofer), CL98-001871;

$1,300.00 United States Currency (Emmett Reid Linwood), CL95-000546;

$509.00 United States Currency (Jamie J. Poole), (Cyrus G. Robinson), (Wynnette J. Chatman), (Benjamin Schubert), CL97-002798;

$400.00 United States Currency, (Christopher Clay Siegel), (Holly Marion Wilson), CL99-105;

$1450.00 United States Currency, (John B. Taylor), (William Stimpson), CL97-3384;

$530.00 United States Currency, (James Carter Walker), (Sabrina Walker), CL98-001555;

$3,177.00 United States Currency, (Donnell S. Wiggins), (Sherrita R. George), (Anthony Cameron), CL98-002403; Defendants.

Order of Publication And Affidavit

THIS DAY CAME the Attorney for the Commonwealth and moved this Honorable Court to forfeit to the Commonwealth of Virginia the above referenced items that were seized between January 5, 1995 and December 17, 1998.

An information was made, signed and filed with the Circuit Court clerk's Office on each of the above matters. Said information stated the owner(s) of the property and the last known address(es) of the owner(s) at the time the Information was filed.

It appearing that the whereabouts of the owners is currently unknown, and that a registered letter has been mailed to their last known addresses, it is hereby ORDERED, that all parties appear on or before July 21, 1999, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said property, including but not llmited to filing a written Answer under oath, and setting the matter for trial on another date.

It is further ORDERED that pursuant to Section 19.2-386.3(B) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach.

Certified to be a TRUE COPY of record in my custody J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, VA.
By: B. Murden, Deputy Clerk

ENTER this 6th day of April, 1999.
Alan E. Rosenbiatt, Judge
I ask for this:
ROBERT J. HUMPHREYS
COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY
By Mary Gessler
Mary Y. Gessler
Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney
Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney
2305 Judicial Boulevard
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456-9050

I, Mary Y. Gessler, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, after having first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

That pursuant to Section 8.01-316 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the above listed parties.

Mary Gessler, Affiant
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, to-wit:

I, Sharon Elizabeth Hunter, a Notary Public in and for the City and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing Affidavit of Mary Y. Gessler, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, was sworn to and subscribed to before me this 5th day of April, 1999.

Sharon E. Hunter
Notary Public
My Commission Expires May 31, 1999.

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
1787 Upper Chelsea Reach,
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454

Under and by virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned Substitute Trustee, pursuant to the Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee and under the certain Deed of Trust from ARTHUR W. ESTES, dated February 9, 1995 and recorded February 15, 1995 in Book 3474, Page 2043, among the Land Records of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS ($137,000.00), the holder of the Deed of Trust Note evidencing the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust having declared an event of default and having instructed the undersigned Substitute Trustee to proceed with this sale, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will on Thursday, April 29, 1999 at 10:30 a.m., in front of the Courthouse of the Circuit Court for the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia located at 2305 Judicial Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456, sell that certain property situated, lying and being in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia and more particularly described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, AND BEING KNOWN, NUMBERED AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 27, ON THE PLAT ENTITLED CHELSEA, LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH, CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA IN MAP BOOK 96, PAGE 5.

The property will be sold "as is" without representation or warranty of any kind as to the condition of any improvements upon the property, and subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, rights-of-way and easements, if any, contained in the deeds forming the chain of title to the property. The sale is further subject to liens, including mechanic's and materialmen's liens of record and not of record, if such liens exist. The Substitute Trustee makes no representations concerning status of title, liens, whether now recorded or not, leases, occupancy, zoning, physical or environmental conditions, access and/or availability of utilities. The Substitute Trustee makes no statement or representations regarding the accuracy, priority, completeness or effect of any title or lien matters.

A bidder's deposit of $14,000.00 in the form of cash or certified or cashier's check will be required at the time of sale, with balance due at settlement, which shall be held on or before thirty (30) days from the date of sale at the office of the Substitute Trustee unless said period is extended by the Substitute Trustee, his successors or assigns for good cause shown. Time shall be of the essence with respect to settlement. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash or its equivalent and shall accrue interest at the rate of 10.79% per annum from the date of sale to the date of settlement. In the event that the purchaser fails to go to settlement as required, the entire deposit may be forfeited and the property will be resold by the Substitute Trustee at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. In lieu of forfeiting the deposit, the Substitute Trustee may avail himself of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser. Real estate taxes shall be adjusted as of the date of sale. All costs of the conveyance, which shall be by special warranty, examination of title, recording charges, notary fees, settlement fees, including preparation of deed and grantor's tax thereon, etc., will be at the cost of the purchaser. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to extend the period of time within which the purchaser is to make full settlement; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to the termination of the bidding; (iv) to keep the bidding open for any length of time: (v) to reject all bids; and (vi) to postpone or set over the date of sale. In the event the Substitute Trustee deems it best for any reason at the time of the sale to postpone or continue this sale from time to time, such notices of postponement or setting over will be in a manner deemed reasonable by the Substitute Trustee. If for any reason the Substitute Trustee cannot or does not comply with the terms of sale, or for any reason cannot or do not complete the terms of the sale, the purchaser's remedy shall be limited to the return of any deposit placed with the Substitute Trustee. The Substitute Trustee does not assume any obligation to deliver possession of the property. Additional terms of sale shall be announced at the time of sale and shall be contained in a memorandum of sale which the successful bidder shall be required to sign. Written notice of the Trustee's Sale was given to the present owner of the property described herein by certified mail to their last know address as such owner address appears on the records of the noteholder, as required by Section 55-59.1 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

JOHN TARLEY, JR., Substitute Trustee
For Information, Contact:
JOHN J. MATTEO, ESQ.
JACKSON & CAMPBELL, P.C.
1120 20th Street
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 457-1600
Attorney for Noteholder

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Public Notice

Virginia:
The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, April 27, 1999 at 6:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE
DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE

1. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Douglas C. Burlage, Inc. Property is located on the east side of Baker Road, 165 feet north of Wesleyan Drive. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Turner & Associates Realty, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located on the south side of Sandbridge Road at its intersection with Painters Lane. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan designates this parcel as being in the Transition Area. This area is planned for appropriate growth opportunities, consistent with the economic vitality policies of Virginia Beach in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.148 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of M and M Development Associates, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural Districts and R-20 Residential District to Conditional A-18 Apartment District on certain property located on the north west side of General Booth Boulevard, 250 feet more or less south of Ferrell Parkway. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-18 is for multi-family residential land use at a density no greater than 18 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/low density at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 14.76 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of M and M Development Associates, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 & AG-2 Agricultural Districts and R-20 Residential District to Conditional O-1 Office District on the following parcels:

Parcel 1: Located on the west side of General Booth Boulevard beginning at a point 830 feet more or less south of Ferrell Parkway.

Parcel 2: Located on the west side of General Booth Boulevard beginning at a point 480 feet more or less north of Huckleberry Trail.

The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional O-1 is for office land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/low density at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 3 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:
DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Lenwood B. Ireland for a Conditional Use Permit for a community boat dock at the eastern extremity of Sparrow Road. Said parcel is located on Parcel C-1, Subdivision of Property of Lenwood B. & Robin S. Ireland and contains 8,505 square feet. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Virginia Beach Professional Firefighters Local #2924 for a Conditional Use Permit for a lodge for fraternal organization on the east side of Princess Anne Road, south of the intersection with Sandbridge Road. Said parcel is located at 2020 Princess Anne Road and contains 8 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1767 Eastborne Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Robert J. Richards dated December 7, 1993 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3317, page 1059 and recorded in Deed Book 3343, page 2075, securing a loan which was originally $127,550.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 30, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 17 in Block F, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Upton Estates, Phase One-B, Princess Anne Borough". Tax Map #2415-53-6722-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of $12,100.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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■ Tuesday, April 20 - "Meditation" by Meredith Puryear.

■ Wednesday, April 21 - "Health, Healing and Diet" by Whitney Foster.

■ Thursday, April 22 - "Atlantis, Egypt and Lemuria" by Jon Robertson.

■ Friday, April 23 - "The Soul" by Grace Yuksek.

■ Saturday, April 24 - "Dreams and Dreaming" by Walene James.

All lectures are at 3:30 p.m. at the ARE Visitor Center, 67th Street and Atlantic Avenue.

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HEALTH TIPS

■ The Diabetes Treatment Cancer at Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a support group meeting on Tuesday, may 18 from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's Emergency Department. This free service for people with diabetes and their families offers both educational and emotional support. For more information call, 481-8836.

■ Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a Cancer Support Group meeting on Monday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's Emergency Department. This free service for cancer patients and their families offer both educational and emotional support. The support group meets on the third Monday of every month. For more information call, 481-8686.

■ Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a Breast Cancer Support Group meeting on Monday, May 10 at 7 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's Emergency Department. This free service for breast cancer patients offers both educational and emotional support. The support group meets on the second Monday of every month. For more information call, 481-8686.

■ Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital, in cooperation with the American Cancer Society, will hold a prostate cancer support group meeting, Man to Man, on Thursday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's Emergency Department. Man to Man meets the third Thursday of each month. Men diagnosed with prostate cancer and their family members are invited to attend. Call 481-8686 for more information.

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Key is knowing what soil consists of

When you pick up a handful of great soil, only about half of it is solid matter. The other half is air and water.

Want to grow terrific tomatoes and dazzling dahlias in your garden this year? Garden experts advise that you begin by making sure your garden soil is rich and healthy.

"Establishing good soil is the single most important thing we do for the plants we grow in our gardens," says Bob Bell, president of Mantis, the Southampton, Pa.-based maker of power gardening tools. "The key is knowing what soil consists of and learning how to make it better."

When you pick up a handful of great soil, only about half of it is solid matter. The other half is air and water.

The tiny air and water pockets found in healthy soil give plant roots the "breathing room" they need to take up nutrients.

The little air and water pockets also enable living microorganisms to break down organic matter into forms of decay— plus all the little critters (from microscopic organisms to earthworms) that help to break it down.

"When organic matter decays, it becomes a dark, sticky material called humus," said Bell.

"Humus is the glue that holds soil particles — the sand, clay and silt — together in large groups with just the right amount of spaces for and water."

These humus particles also contribute to soil fertility. Adding humus to sandy soils makes the soil more fertile because it allows the soil to hold on to water and nutrients.

Adding humus to clay soils spreads out the clay soils spreads out the clay particles (which tend to clump tightly together) so water and nutrients can more easily pass through.

According to Bell, the best way to add humus to your soil is to add compost from your compost bin.

You can also add aged manure or grow a cover crop (such as Hairy Vetch or White Clover) and simply turn the green plants into your soil.

When it comes time to turn your soil, you can do it the old-fashioned way (with a hand shovel) or the quick and easy way (with a power tiller).

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Harris offers a few tips to consider as part of a routine spring home maintenance program:

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■ Clean all outdoor masonry and metal surfaces. It's important to clean off all salt and other ice melting agents, to avoid damage that these agents cause over time. A great way to do this is with a strong stream of water and a stiff bristle broom or brush where necessary.

■ Spring is a great time to thoroughly inspect your roof. Since ice and snow can also cause roof damage, take the time to examine your roof. Look for weak or missing shingles and assess the overall condition.

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So much has happened over the last year that we must conclude that there is a new Renaissance in Portsmouth — and I don't just mean the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel and Waterfront Conference Center.

The hotel groundbreaking surely was important because it signaled a new beginning not just for downtown Portsmouth, but also for our entire community. New jobs, new taxes, new visitors, a new community meeting place, all in a first-class facility that will be the finest of its kind of Hampton Roads.

And yet the groundbreaking was just one of many milestones along our path to progress. They include our new Bide-a-Wee Golf Course designed by Curtis Strange and Tom Clark; the new I.C. Norcom High School, the most advanced in the state; expansion of the Children's Museum of Virginia, including the Lancaster antique toy and train collection.

We have made tremendous progress in working with our citizens and our neighboring cities on solving problems and taking advantage of opportunities. The Hope VI program for the Ida Barbour neighborhood and federal Empowerment Zone designation for Portsmouth and Norfolk are good examples. So are the Vision 2005 community and economic development program and the NEAT community policing program.

"We have made tremendous progress in working with our citizens and our neighboring cities on solving problems and taking advantage of opportunities."

Mayor James W. Holley III

And don't forget the Clean Community Commission and the "War on Ugly," which we surely will win.

Such progress does not just happen. It takes leadership. I would like at this time to acknowledge and thank my fellow members of the Portsmouth City Council for their leadership, courage and patience.

They are Vice Mayor Bernard D. Griffin Sr. and Councilmen Cameron C. Pitts, P. Ward Robinett Jr., J. Thomas Benn III, William E. Moody Jr. and Charles B. Whitehurst Sr. They are the leaders of the Portsmouth family and are largely responsible for making our progress possible.

And, of course, I want to salute the best city management team in the region, led by City Manager Ronald W. Massie. We are blessed with many excellent employees who are dedicated to continuing to provide better services to our citizens.

And finally I would like to recognize the many partners who work hand in hand with the City Council and city management. They include the Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Industrial Development Authority, other city boards and commissions, Portsmouth Partnership, Chamber of Commerce, civic leagues and many others who volunteer their time and talents to improve their community.

I am convinced that, working together, we can make Portsmouth the city of choice for people to live, work, play and visit in the 21st century.

— James W. Holley III

STATE OF THE CITY. Mayor James Holley shared good news with those gathered for the annual State of the City address. B. Anne Davis, chairman of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce-Portsmouth Division, is pictured presenting him with a gift.

BUILDING A LION'S DEN. Officials gathered in August for a symbolic grand-opening ceremony for the new Olde Towne Market Place near downtown Portsmouth. Digging in, from left, were: Vice Mayor Bernard Griffin; Tony Nero, president of Armada Hoffler; B. Anne Davis, chairperson of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce-Portsmouth; Mayor James W. Holley III; Lee King, vice chairman of the Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority; and Councilman Charles Whitehurst. In June, a grant from the United States Golf Association was presented to The Links at City Park for a new youth golf program. Participating in the ceremony, from left, are Deputy City Manager Luke McCoy, Galen Hill from the association, Mayor James Holley, Tidewater Youth Golf Association Director Al Hatton and city golf pro Andy Giles.

Portsmouthians have much to look forward to for millennial year 2000

By Kenneth M. Wheeler

The new year in Portsmouth is off to a fast start. Here are notable examples:

■ April - Celebrated golfer Curtis Strange and notable youngsters play the first round on Portsmouth's new Bide-a-Wee golf course in the heart of the city. Objective golf enthusiasts put forth the notion that the course, extensively redesigned by Strange and Tom Clark, with new public meeting facilities, may be among the top 10 municipal golf courses in the country.

■ March - City and business officials break ground for the $46 million Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel and Waterfront Conference Center. The significance of the name of the new four-star, full-service hotel and Executive Learning Center is not lost on observers. Mayor James W. Holley III calls it "the beginning of a new Renaissance in Portsmouth."

■ February - Several hundred citizens spend a Saturday at the national award-winning NEAT Summit studying ways to make Portsmouth neighborhoods better places to live, including trolley tours of "the good, the bad and the ugly." Police Chief Leonard G. Cooke reports continuing positive public safety statistics and proclaims "Portsmouth is a safe city."

■ January - Vice President Al Gore greets Portsmouth Mayor Holley and Norfolk Mayor Paul Fraim to announced the two Virginia cities have been successful in their joint application for federal Empowerment Zone designation. The designation could bring $100 million and other grants to the two cities over 10 years to concentrate on work force, business and neighborhood development in the cities' neediest census tracts.

As they would say on a certain cable network, that's only the headlines and only for the first four months of the year.

In his State of the City message in February, Mayor Holley concluded, "I think it is clear that Portsmouth has a plan and is well on the way to executing that plan, with the community acting in partnership to achieve our goals.

"We will continue to stress neighborhood quality, economic development and fiscal strength as our spheres of success," he said. "We will continue to build partnerships all over the city. We will continue to strengthen our financial base. And we will work on many fronts to build capacity for the future. I am convinced that, working together, we can build the Portsmouth that we want in the 21st century, the city of choice for people to live, work, play and visit."

The mayor noted numerous activities around town involving the partnership of citizens and city government officials. They included the Vision 2005 community and economic development program, the NEAT (Neighborhood Enhancement and Action Teams) community policing program, the NICE (Neighborhood Improvement and Code Enforcement) community improvement program and the Clean Community program that is conducting the mayor's famous "War on Ugly."

In his budget message delivered to City Council, city employees and the public, City Manager Ronald W. Massie re-emphasized the major themes of the mayor's message and gave credit to council for leading the way.

"Portsmouth is blessed with a diverse City Council representing various segments of the community," said Massie, "but it is equally blessed with a council that unanimously agrees on the three highest priorities for the community. This unanimity gives us great strength to continue the journey."

It is significant that Portsmouth is off to a good start in 1999 after yet another good year in 1998. In an end-of-the-year editorial in December, *The Virginian-Pilot* concluded that "1998 was yet another year that found the city better at year's end than at year's beginning — more prosperous, more peaceful, more proud."

Last year there were numerous milestones, particularly in the fields of education and marketing.

The big 1998 headline in education was the opening of the new $37 million I.C. Norcom High School, a state-of-the-art new facility with the latest in technology including fiber optics.

The Norcom facility was the city's second new high school complex of the 1990s. The first was the new Churchland High School, site of the 47-year-old Portsmouth Invitational Tournament that features the 64 top college basketball players from around the country.

The big marketing news last year was the opening of the expanded Children's Museum of Virginia, closed for several months to complete installation of the Lancaster antique toy and train collection as well as 28 new interactive exhibits in double the amount of floor space.

The new Children's Museum was an immediate hit, drawing a whole new audience of model train collectors from around the country.

As the Children's Museum showcased its new activities, the board of the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame selected a location across High Street and announced a statewide fundraising campaign for a new $10 million facility that would feature "a lot of hands-on activities, interactive things for children and adults to do together," according to VSHOF Executive Director Eddie Webb.

Many other activities grabbed the headlines in 1998, including new residential projects such as Hidden Cove, Sterling Creek and Lake Shores; new business locations such as the Harley-Davidson "designer store" in Midtown and Hannaford Food and Drug Superstore in Churchland; five new and expanded businesses in the PortCentre Commerce Park with a total investment of $6 million; and continued progress on the new Portsmouth Corporate Center on a 100-acre site formerly occupied by a section of Fairwood Homes.

Another significant achievement of 1998 was the continuing development of High Street as a corridor of specialty shops, mu-

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STARTING OVER. Sixty new acres of retail/commercial/office space will be available in Midtown when the city launches its aggressive new redevelopment plan. City Planner Jim Gildea points out sites to be affected during a press conference unveiling the $10 million plan.

DOWN IT GOES! The home at 1500 Pulaski St. was demolished as Portsmouth began its Operation Sledgehammer II project.

Olde Towne Drug Center Pharmacy offers area new standard of care

Olde Towne Drug Center Pharmacy, 600 High Street in Portsmouth has set itself apart from other independent and chain pharmacies by catering to the needs of the community.

Chief pharmacist and owner Ron Woods decided it was time to give the Hampton Roads area a new standard in pharmacy care. Just 12 months ago Olde Towne Drug Center Pharmacy celebrated their "grand re-opening" which tripled the size of the pharmacy. It was expanded to include a patient consultation booth and a full line of durable medical equipment.

They are now one of the few pharmacies in Hampton Roads which will bill Medicare and Medicaid for covered durable medical equipment and medical supplies. This is of special interest to senior citizens and other Medicare or Medicaid recipients.

Olde Towne Drug Center Pharmacy has also become a key resource for diabetic and incontinent supplies.

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Word has rapidly spread throughout Hampton Roads that Olde Towne Drug Center Pharmacy now offers this service to their regular patients. Durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, canes and commodes are now routinely dispensed and delivered directly to the patient's home.

Olde Towne Drug Center Pharmacy has also become a key resource for diabetic and incontinent supplies. Medically necessary items such as blood glucose test strips, lancets, adult diapers and Chux bed pads are also billed directly.

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Plans for city combine strategies of removal, reuse and revitalization

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seums, restaurants and entertainment.

Near the end of December, *The Virginian-Pilot* featured a page 1 article with a banner headline reading "High Street Is Coming Back." It talked about the highly-successful Olde Towne Holiday Music Festival in early December and quoted numerous positive comments from merchants, residents and public officials.

Another major achievement was development of a Midtown Conservation and Redevelopment Plan, which was announced after the first of the year in a community meeting featuring Mayor Holley, Councilman Cameron C. Pitts (who is also chair of the Midtown Vision 2005 Committee), PRHA Vice Chair Lee King, City Manager Ronald Massie, PRHA Development Director Gordon Wheatley and Portsmouth Community Quality and Planning Service Director James J. Gildea.

The plan combines strategies of blight removal and reuse strategies as well as conservation tools such as enhanced code enforcement. It addresses 10 areas of Midtown, including acquisition and demolition of MidCity Shopping Center.

Blight removal is the cornerstone of Operation Sledgehammer, a "War on Ugly" program of Gildea's department focused on removing abandoned houses and junk cars. So far the program has taken down 100 structures and persuaded homeowners to fix dozens of others. Hundreds of junked cars have been removed from neighborhood streets and yards.

It is interesting to note that the second phase of the program, called Sledgehammer II, kicked off on the same day that City Manager Massie signed a historic agreement with the Minority Police Officers Association of Portsmouth Inc. to form a partnership to maintain three cemeteries where African-Americans were buried from the 17th century to 1960.

The cemeteries — Fisher's Hill, Mount Calvary and Mount Olive — are nestled in a quiet and shaded 13-acre site south of Interstate 264 near Deep Creek Boulevard and contain the graves of such prominent Portsmouth citizens as Ida Barbour, I.C. Norcom, William Riddick and Jeffry Wilson.

So far the biggest news of 1999 is the start of construction of the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel and Waterfront Conference Center.

Scheduled to open in the summer of 2000, the 15-story hotel complex will occupy a 3.5 acre Elizabeth River site and include 250 rooms and suites, 24,000 square feet of meeting and function space including two ballrooms and an Executive Learning Center and a 450-care parking garage.

It will be built and operated through a public-private partnership involving Stormont Trice Corporation, an Atlanta-based hotel and resort developer and operator that has pioneered public-private ventures, and the city of Portsmouth and two affiliated organizations, the Industrial Development Authority and the Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Benefits to the community include 300 permanent jobs, more than $1.5 million in annual tax revenues, a new community meeting center, continued downtown revitalization and an economic generator with $20 million in annual spending by hotel and conference center guests.

The Commonwealth of Virginia is participating by means of a sales tax rebate which will allow the city to use state sales tax revenue from the hotel and conference center to assist with debt payments. This will equate to as much as $400,000 a year.

The hotel will be the first in Virginia carrying the flag of the Renaissance Hotels and Resorts, the newest member of the Marriott lodging family of eight hotel brands. Renaissance features more than 80 distinctive properties in 26 countries, offering upscale accommodations and award-winning dining for business, meeting and leisure travelers seeking a more enriching lodging experience.

The Executive Learning Center will be a new product for Hampton Roads. It is designed to serve the multi-billion dollar corporate and association meeting business, with a higher level of finish, furniture and service than any other facility in the region, and special attention to technology.

The grand opening of the hotel is scheduled for the summer of 2000, in conjunction with Op-Sail 2000, the largest gathering of tall ships in the Hampton Roads harbor. Those two events alone give Portsmouthians much to look forward to for the millennial year of 2000.

Not to mention more headlines forecasted for 1999.

As Mayor Holley says, there is indeed a new Renaissance in Portsmouth, and its more than just a great new hotel.

TAPPING FEET. Little feet make big sounds on a gigantic piano keyboard to help youths better understand acoustics and sound at the newly-expanded Children's Museum of Virginia.

FIRST-HAND LOOK. Incoming students and curious residents were able to check out Portsmouth's new I.C. Norcom High School last year during an open house.

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600 Block of High Street Turns the Corner For a Brighter Future

A sunny weekday afternoon finds the 600 block of High Street bustling with foot traffic. Downtown workers on their lunch break dip into JJ's Restaurant for a quick bite to eat. A pair of tourists leisurely shuffle into Pfeiffer's to browse through their selection of cards and books. Down the street, a woman with a small child in tow walks out of the Kitchen Koop holding a shopping bag full of things to make dinner with tonight.

Until a few years ago, this scene would have been wishful thinking. Multiple vacant buildings with darkened windows gazed silently onto High Street. Pedestrian traffic was just a trickle. But in a remarkably short time span, businesses have returned to line this historic commercial artery, particularly along the 600 block. The revival has been led in part by the initiative of the Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority (PRHA) and the city. Their aggressive investment and efforts at facilitating renewal spurred the necessary interest and confidence from the business community. Now the 600 block, PRHA leaders feel, is a model for how the rest of High Street can turn the corner to success.

The dramatic turnaround started in 1993 when the Authority bought eleven of the neglected buildings on the block for $300,000 using federal Community Development Block Grant funds. Soon after, they began accepting proposals from entrepreneurs attracted to the block by the affordability of the buildings and their prime location. PRHA further stoked interest in the project by offering façade improvement loans and city led real estate tax abatements to qualified investors.

"This scenario was set for the perfect public/private partnership," said Danny Cruce, Executive Director for PRHA. "We were looking at making a significant investment in revitalizing this part of High Street, but we needed like-minded people who shared our dream and long-term commitment to Olde Towne."

PRHA's investment paid off for both the city and the merchants. The Authority's combination of creative approaches aided a variety of entrepreneurs in getting established along the once-vacant block. Occupied and owned now by sixteen businesses, the real estate value of those same eleven buildings has grown to $1.5 million today. And along with the new tenants came crowds of people hungry for lunch and dinner in restaurants, or for the goods and services sold in the block's boutiques and antique shops.

"It's a person's dream becoming real and being implemented by a team," said Willis Foster, who with his wife Deon, opened the Kitchen Koop at 638 High Street in December. "Not only do you have a place to come get what you want, but here we are, part of the Portsmouth family."

For its vision and efforts, PRHA received a coveted National Award of Merit from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

"The recognition was gratifying, but the true reward was walking along the 600 block and seeing storefronts instead of empty windows, and seeing people in those stores and restaurants," said Cruce.

The next step for the Authority, explained Cruce, is to keep the momentum going, not only on the 600 block, but along all of High Street in Olde Towne. He anticipates the 600 block becoming a "building block" to establish a solid foundation for retail and small businesses throughout Olde Towne.

"We've come full circle here, and we're confident that together with the continued support and initiative of other business people, we can replicate our success elsewhere."

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Airline Business Park Takes Off

New Park Helps Portsmouth Recruit New Business

The City's plan for revitalizing the Airline Boulevard area and attracting new businesses to Portsmouth took flight in December as city leaders, PRHA officials, and developers broke ground on the new $3.6 million Airline Business Park.

Located at 3401 Airline Boulevard, the 14.6-acre business park will have six two-story buildings with 16,000 square feet each. With its flexible space and excellent access to the interstate system, the Park is an ideal location for distribution centers and service industries.

"This really enhances our chances to recruit new businesses to the city and retain Portsmouth businesses who are expanding," said Lee King, Vice-Chairman of the Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority (PRHA). "It'll be a financial asset to the city as well. With full occupancy, we expect to receive over $140,994 in real estate taxes per year."

One of the Business Park's developers, John Hall, knows well the challenges of relocating a business. As the owner of Portsmouth-based John Hall Electric, he has had to move his company three times to accommodate its growth. Seeking to remain in Portsmouth when the time came to relocate again, he chose to build the Park and become its first tenant.

"I needed to find a place to expand, and this site is an ideal location for a business that services all parts of Hampton Roads," said Hall. "It's a win-win for us and the city."

His business won't be alone. Even before the groundbreaking, the first building had already been completely leased. Aside from Hall's company, Chesapeake-based Associated Contracting Services and Norfolk's Grubb Printing are also planning on relocating to the park.

Hall and his business partner and co-developer, Ken Jolley, purchased the land from PRHA. Authority officials envision that the park will serve as a catalyst for continued economic development in the Midtown area and will be the nucleus for future commercial development along the southern end of Airline Blvd.

Food Lion Roars Into Olde Towne

Grocery Store Eagerly Welcomed By Residents

Portsmouth residents from Olde Towne to Port Norfolk no longer have to drive to Churchland or Norfolk for their groceries. A long-awaited Food Lion will open soon in the Olde Towne Market Place at the corner of London Boulevard and Peninsula Avenue.

A key element in the city's Vision 2005 plan to bring new businesses to downtown, the site for the store was assembled by the Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority. Responding to citizens' input, PRHA officials saw a definite need for a grocery store to serve the surrounding communities.

"We are absolutely thrilled that Food Lion has chosen to be part of our neighborhood," said Donna Ruth, President of the West Park View Civic League. "We worked for so long to bring a quality grocery store downtown. I get questions everyday from people who want to know when the Food Lion is coming in."

The answer is April 21st. The 33,000 square foot full-service grocery includes both a complete bakery and deli. The store's management has also made an effort to accommodate the community's wishes on what they would like to see on the shelves. They sought input from residents on items on their grocery lists like fresh seafood and gourmet offerings.

"From both a resident's and business' standpoint, we're very pleased that Food Lion has chosen to come to Olde Towne," said Danny Cruce, Executive Director of PRHA. "We're sure it'll be a roaring success."

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Successful community policing and partnership is result of decline in crime

Editor's note: The following comments were made by Police Chief Leonard G. Cooke at the annual NICE and NEAT Summit in February. He highlights strides made in community policing in 1998.

Good afternoon. It is my pleasure to have this opportunity to meet with you at what has been described to me as one of the premier community events in Portsmouth. By the looks of this crowd, that is certainly no understatement.

Since becoming chief last March, I have met many of you at numerous organizational meetings and listened to your concerns. Today, I welcome the chance to become better acquainted with more of you.

The idea of a community summit is consistent with my own philosophy of policing. As I travel through Portsmouth and hear your concerns, you speak not about what we do — but what we don't do. Rarely do I hear complaints about our handling of homicides, robberies and other major crimes.

What I do hear is the lack of response to the lesser crimes that affect neighborhood quality of life, those minor and nuisance types of crime — what we in police circles sometimes refer to as the "Broken Window" theory.

According to that theory, if a window is broken and no one bothers to fix it, within a short period of time other windows will be broken and soon after disorderly conduct and criminal activity will follow.

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Police Chief Leonard G. Cooke

The reason for this is simple. By not fixing the window, the message is sent that no one in the community cares. Citizens look at the broken window as a place they must endures for a certain period of time during the day that is uncontrolled and uncontrollable and they feel unsafe.

Criminals on the other hand, look at the broken window as a sign that their behavior will be tolerated and they feel welcome.

For example, experiments conducted in other cities with abandoned cars proved that once they were vandalized and left unattended, even more damage occurred to those cars. The message had been sent.

That is why this year's theme the NICE and NEAT Summit" and our continued partnerships are so very important. NICE is the Office of Neighborhood Quality's acronym for Neighborhood Improvement and Code Enforcement. NEAT is the police department's acronym for our community policing initiative, Neighborhood Enhancement and Action Teams.

Portsmouth recognizes that we must form partnerships with citizens and other city departments to get rid of our broken windows. Today, through numerous workshops and bus tours, you will learn specific ways to form those partnerships as we work together to improve neighborhood quality and send a loud message to criminals that our windows are not broken, we do care and we are in control of our environment.

The truth is there is nothing new about this idea of partnership. As Sir Robert Peel observed in 1829 when he said, "The police are the public and the public are the police. The police are the only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties that are incumbent on every citizen in the interest of community welfare and existence."

At this point, I'd like to take the opportunity to recognize some of the "paid" police who are here to work with you today. These individuals, ladies and gentlemen, are your partners. Perhaps you have been under the impression that just the designated Neighborhood Impact Officers are your community police officers. Let me clarify that right now. All of these individuals are your community policing partners.

NEAT SPEAKER. Police Chief Leonard Cooke addressed those gathered for the annual NEAT Summit.

So what have we accomplished in this partnership together. I'd like to spend some time now giving you the 1998 Year in Review. Serious crimes of homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, major larceny and auto theft are down 3.1 percent. This is the seventh consecutive year crime has decreased. Approximately 250 fewer serious crimes occurred in 1998 than in 1997. This computes to a decrease of 24.1 percent since 1991. That means 2,516 fewer crimes. And clearance rates for solving crimes are consistent with other cities our size. What does this tell us? It signifies that Portsmouth is indeed a safe city.

Let's look a little closer at violent crime which has seen the most significant decrease. Violent crimes in the city of Portsmouth declined by 11.1 percent. Homicide is down 27.3 percent. There were 16 homicides in 1998 compared to 22 in 1997. Aggravated assault is down 4 percent. Rape decreased 35.5 percent and robbery is down 13.5 percent.

Although you will see that burglaries are up 7.8 percent, auto thefts up 2.4 percent, larcenies are down 6.2 percent, with an overall decrease of property crimes of 1.8 percent. This date does suggest however that we want to target some of our future efforts at property crimes and I will mention later how our department is inviting your comments at today's summit.

If we look at a 10-year trend analysis, we can see that this graph depicts a declining trend in serious crimes in Portsmouth over the past 10 years. This is due to many of the successful strategies we have employed. The first of these, of course, is community policing. But what has really happened as a result of this strategy and these summits? Let me share just a couple stories.

Many of you know Officer Abdul-Ali and his work with the Prentis Park, Prentis Place and Brighton neighborhoods. Officer Abdul-Ali and residents were concerned about a "broken window" at the corner of Duke St. and Elm Ave. Numerous drug arrests were made in and around the property.

People who did not live in the neighborhood would loiter there waiting to buy or sell narcotics. These same people would leave trash and empty beer bottles on the property. Eventually the few tenants moved out and the house remained vacant for a period of time. This only made matters worse.

Drug addicts and prostitutes began to use the vacant apartments. In fact, a dead body was discovered next to the housing during that year. With a renewed sense of urgency, the city's Office of Neighborhood Quality inspected the house and condemned the property. After numerous court hearings and noncompliance, the owner went to a City Council meeting to plead his case.

Little did he know that he would face a strong neighborhood presence and a City Council committed to public safety. The house finally came down in June of 1998.

The outcome? Local media covered the event and neighbors cheered at what they had accomplished.

What were the hallmarks of this approach?

Working with the neighbors, not just for them. Bringing other agencies into the process. And

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GOOD NUMBERS. Police spokesperson Amber Whitaker and Chief Leonard Cooke are pleased that crimes against persons were down in 1998.

Community policing and partnership

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most importantly, using a problem solving approach. These techniques don't lend themselves to all criminal activity, but they do lend themselves well to the kinds of repetitive, quality of life problems affecting many of our neighborhoods.

Another success that I will mention may not seem as big but it shows a neighborhood's intolerance of the "broken window." During a recent Cradock Civic League meeting, a representative from a local Boy Scout Troop asked for help with removing graffiti from their building. With the help of alternative work programs (that are showcased in one of today's workshops), Officer Whitson made sure the building was painted on a Saturday afternoon this past December. Another warning to the disorderly — you will not be tolerated in Cradock.

Other successful strategies include our partnerships with other law enforcement agencies such as our courts and commonwealth's attorney office. Joint operations with other law enforcement agencies, specifically the special task force with the FBI, which led to the dismantling of the River Edge drug gang and the more recent conviction of drug kingpin Richard Stitt.

And effective partnerships with the community which are evident even here today in how this summit is planned (by a committee of citizens and agency employees) collectively working for the betterment of our community.

But we cannot just sit back and celebrate these successes. As chief of police, I have a vision for our future and to that end I am leading a strategic planning effort for us. This process is consistent with the city manager's desire that all city departments become high performance organizations.

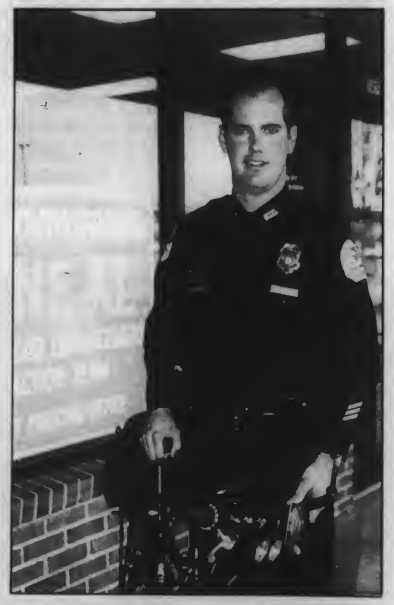
I promise that this process will be inclusive — and to demonstrate that, I invite you to attend our summit workshops today, "Planning for the Millennium" which will meet in the library and will give participants a chance to tell us which direction we should go.

The entire process will take several months and will involve our employees as well as other citizens who will not be able to attend today's workshop. I hope to have this plan published by October of 1999 and make this our blueprint for the future.

In closing, I urge each of you to enjoy the summit today and please take advantage of these very informative workshops. Our future hinges on all of us working together to make Portsmouth an even safer place to live, work, visit, conduct business and raise our families.

We are all partners in this endeavor — me, my staff, City Council, other city departments and agencies, businesses, civic and service organizations and each and every one of you. All of us have a role in the issues facing our community.

As Robert Kennedy once implored, "Each community gets the type of criminal it deserves, but it also gets the type of policing it insists upon."



NEAT-O! The Churchland NEAT Office is a pacesetter, coming up with new ideas to improve community policing. The area is served, from left, Neighborhood Impact Officers Dave English, Joe Hughes and Leon Whitehurst. English, top right photo, was intrigued by the concept of the NEAT program.

Portsmouth Sheriff's Office 1998 Annual Report

Total jail population for the year: 397

Federal inmate lock-up fees: $985,903.37

Inmate Medical Co-pay: $1,973.29

Inmate work crew taxpayers savings for 1998: $269,514.95
(Figure obtained by number of labor hours X minimum wage for year)

Sheriff's Auxiliary Deputy Program
Total hours contributed: 8,800.5
Dollar value of donated time: $101,645.78
(pay rate $11.55 x hours)

Number of warrants received in 1998: 8,749

Number of warrants served: 3,379

Number of funerals escorted 946

Total inmate meals served: 469,050

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Information provided by the Portsmouth's Sheriff's Office

Hotel and Conference Center: The 'Renaissance' of Portsmouth growth

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

Renaissance and revitalization.

They are the two "R's" that unlock the door to downtown Portsmouth.

Hundreds gathered in March to mark the beginning of a new Portsmouth renaissance — the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel and Waterfront Conference Center.

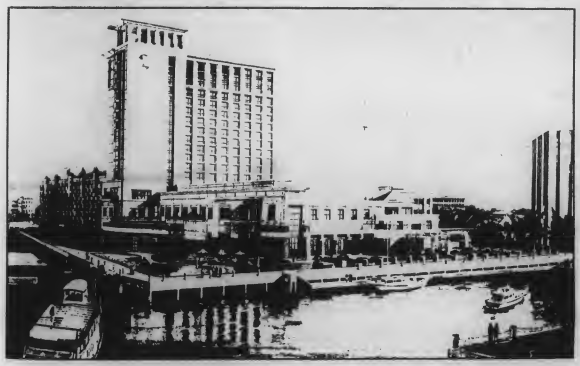
The city broke ground on the project with Mayor James Holley III taking the first ceremonial dig on a backhoe.

The $46.3 million structure is expected to be completed by summer 2000.

"Projects like this don't happen overnight, nor do they happen easily," said City Manager Ron Massie.

The 15-story Renaissance will be located downtown along the Elizabeth River waterfront on 3.5 acres. The site formerly housed The Max, a popular restaurant, and is adjacent to the *Lightship Portsmouth*.

The hotel will boast 250 rooms and suites; more than 24,000 square feet of meeting and convention space, including an Executive Learning Center; restaurant and lounge; concierge lounge; business center; indoor pool and health club; gift shop and parking garage for 458 vehicles.



Rendering new Renaissance Hotel and Waterfront Conference Center

More importantly, it will bring 300 jobs to the city, $1.5 million in annual tax revenues and generate an estimated $20 million in annual spending by hotel and conference center guests. It will provide a community meeting center and continue the downtown revitalization efforts.

"This is a very important and historic day in the life of the Portsmouth people," Holley said. "This is significant in that so many Portsmouth citizens have had an input in the fact that we've finally come together. It's almost a complete circle," Holley said.

The hotel and conference center will be own by the city, which will lease it to Portsmouth Hotel Associates, LLC, and managed by Stormont Trice Corp., which is also providing development services.

Stormont Trice currently operates 12 hotels and conference centers, including the Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel. Renaissance is the newest member of the Marriott lodging group of eight hotel brands.

"We have captured the vision on paper and are excited about this project as a partner to our Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel," said Richard M. Stormont, chairman of Stormont Trice.

Fueled by what Stormont calls the "most powerful marketing engine in the world — Marriott — officials emphasized the hotel's contribution to continued cooperation between the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth.

Massie touched on the opening of MacArthur Center in Norfolk that same week, noting Portsmouth's coming hotel will complement the mall.

The cities are working jointly on a $10 million Empowerment Zone designation from HUD, and are working together to market historical trail efforts — Portsmouth's Path of Glory and Norfolk's Cannonball Trail.

Stormont said the corporation also plans to market the Norfolk and Portsmouth Marriotts together. Ground was broken on the Norfolk sister hotel in 1991, and today it's a thriving facility.

"The significance of 10 years ago is not lost here either. We broke ground over there with Ron Massie [when he worked for the city of Norfolk] and it's wonderful to have the occasion to work twice with a man of the character and integrity of Ron Massie," Stormont said.

"We look forward to the close alliance in the tale of two cities."

Downtown proponents such as Keith Toler, director of Portsmouth's Marketing and Convention Bureau, look to the ground breaking as the dawn of a new era for the city.

It will certainly help tourism efforts.

"With 250 additional sleeping rooms, it will increase our room inventory by 25 to 30 percent," Toler said. "It'll be a premier product on our Portsmouth waterfront, which will be great to showcase the city as a meeting and leisure travel destination. It's a really big day for us."

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New park opens

City View District Park will celebrate its grand opening Friday, May 7. The festivities will begin at 1 p.m. The ceremony will include a ribbon cutting by Mayor Meyera Oberndorf. Following the ceremony, cake and refreshments will be served.

Open to the public on May 7 will be the multi-purpose field, playground equipment, picnic shelters, basketball courts and restrooms. The lighted ballfield complex will be open in the fall. The park is located at 2073 Kempsville Rd.

For more information call, 563-1100.

ARE film fest

Area film buff can attend the screening of movies "Pleasantville," "Sliding Doors," "Groundhog Day" and more at the Association for Research and Enlightenment on Friday, April 30 beginning at 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2 beginning at 9 a.m.

After each screening, discussion groups will focus on spiritual issues in contemporary films. Film fans may attend all or part of the program and will receive all the popcorn they can eat. There's a charge of $10 for each film screening with discussion group.

The ARE is located at 67th Street and Atlantic Avenue in Virginia Beach. For more information call, 428-3558, ext. 7400.

Hershey track

Cox High School will host the Hershey Track and Field meet for girls on Friday, May 7 and for boys on Friday, May 14. Both events last from 5 to 9 p.m. The meets are open to youth born between 1985 and 1990 who reside in Virginia Beach.

Participants must register by May 3 at City Wide Athletics. Entry forms are available at the City Wide Programs Office, recreation centers and the Physical Education Departments in each school. For more information call, 471-5884.

Spinning a tale

The Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd., presents storyteller Susan Corbitt, who will teach participants how to entertain children with unique storytelling techniques on Saturday, May 8 from 11 a.m. to noon. Lists of resources and hands-on experiences will help participants learn to enthrall audiences of all ages. Register by phone or in person at the Central Library Administration Office beginning at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 27. This event is limited to 30 adults.

Estate planning

The Bayside Area Library, 936 Independence Blvd., presents a free seminar on estate planning presented by Peter Kerr, a financial advisor with American Express on Tuesday, May 11 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The program will be very informative about estate planning options and will help to determine which of these options may be best for you. Call 460-7518 to register beginning April 23 and ending May 7.

A century of music

Music defines specific moments of our lives. Join the Virginia Beach Chorale, under the direction of Lou Sawyer, as they travel through 100 years in song.

"A Century of American Music" will be presented on Saturday, May 8 at 8 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Pavilion. The concert is being presented as part of the Waterfront Wave.

The show will represent a broad overview of the vocal music of the 20th century, including music by George M. Cohen, Aaron Copland, Randall Thompson, The Beach Boys, Scott Joplin and Irving Berlin. The second half will consist of musical selections recognizing some of the composers and arrangers who created their music while residing in Hampton Roads. Selections include music by Thomas Rice, Adolphus Hailstork, Lou Sawyer, John Winsor and Pat Curtis.

Tickets are $6 for adults and $5 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are available from any Chorale member or from the Pavilion Box Office.

A good planet

The Hampton Roads Earth Day Celebration will be held rain or shine on May 2 at the Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek's Lake Bradford Picnic Area from noon to 7 p.m. This event is sponsored by the U.S. Navy, along with the cities of Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Portsmouth. Families can enjoy exhibits, games, crafts, food and entertainment. Parking and admission are free. Hampton Road's theme for this year is "A Good Planet is Hard to Find."

Motors revved for Beach's first Race at the Base this weekend

NAS Oceana hosts inaugural event pitting vintage vehicles

By Matthew Shanley
Correspondent

F-14 Tomcats won't be the only high-powered engines at Naval Air Station Oceana when the inaugural "Race at the Base" visits Virginia Beach this weekend.

Classic automobiles like the Jaguar, Morgan, Elva, Triumph, MG and Healey will compete on a 2.8-mile, 10-turn track built by the Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SRVA) in cooperation with airfield officials.

The festivities start today (Friday) at 4 p.m. with a "Mock Race on the Streets," winding from NAS Oceana to the Virginia Beach Oceanfront. A pre-race party and display of cars will follow at the 24th Street Park.

Qualifying heats are Saturday, with final races scheduled for Sunday. Races run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

General admission is $8 for the public; $12 for a two-day pass; $4 for active duty personnel and their families; and $2 for children under 12. Tickets are available at NAS Oceana today and all weekend and at the Virginia Beach Pavilion Box Office and the Virginia Beach Visitor Information Center at 2100 Parks Ave.

At noon Saturday, spectators can take a lap around the track in a vintage car for just $5.

Race proceeds benefit the Navy's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund, which provides financial support to Navy personnel and their families.

"This is our way, and the city of Virginia Beach's way, to show our support for Oceana, and I think we'll put on a good show," said Virginia Beach resident and race organizer William H. Thumel, the 52-year-old retired co-founder of AccuStaff Inc. who has won more than 50 vintage races over the last 12 years.

"We'll raise money for Navy relief, and we'll build a better relationship between the community and the Navy."

Thumel started planning the race in November 1998.

"Everyone has been supportive in trying to make this happen," he said.

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RACE AT THE BASE. Vintage cars take to the track this weekend during the first Race at the Base. NAS Oceana will host the event.

Inner-city youths tee up for Junior Golf

Local kids discovering joys of sport thanks to sponsors

Photo by Matthew Shanley

PUTTING FOR DOUGH. Rashad Hunt of Chesapeake and Ben Hunter of Suffolk refine their putting techniques at Honey Bee Golf Course Saturday. The youths are members of the South-East Junior Golf Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting self-esteem, sportsmanship and self-discipline among minority and inner-city youths.

By Matthew Shanley
Correspondent

When Timothy Warren was playing for a championship youth basketball team last winter, golf was the last thing on his mind.

Twelve months later, the 13-year-old seventh grader at Churchland Middle School wants to become a professional golfer. He attributed his interest to participating in the South-East Junior Golf Association (SEJGA), a non-profit organization promoting the sport among minority and inner-city youth.

Ten SEJGA members received golf bags, clubs and balls from Spalding at Honey Bee Golf Course in Virginia Beach on Saturday as the American Golf-owned course and Spalding tried to recognize the association's work with youths from Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach and Suffolk.

A 48-minute clinic, presented by both LPGA and PGA teaching professionals, followed the presentation. Warren was among the golfers who went to each of the four stations, including putting and chipping.

Warren wasn't the most accurate putter on the green, but he listened carefully to instructions from LPGA instructor Bridgit Pendergast of Virginia Beach.

"It was something to do, and it became fun," Warren said of his introduction to the sport. "It's something that popped in my head that said this was a nice game."

Timothy's mother, Anita Warren, said she was surprised by her son's decision, but happy he made it.

"To me, it's a discipline sport," she said. "He's in competition with himself, which is good. He goes' out there and plays the game and has fun."

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Just getting the chance to play golf is a feat in itself for some youths.

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Sportsplex opens doors to community

By Patrick Evans-Hylton
Correspondent

What is green, covers 150 acres, and recently sprung up just across from the GTE Virginia Beach Amphitheater?

If you guessed animal, vegetable, or mineral, you're wrong. It's the Virginia Beach Sportsplex.

The three-level steel-and-concrete stadium opened its doors Saturday for Community Day and treated more than 3,000 area residents to sports demonstrations, soccer clinics with members of the Hampton Roads Mariners, and venues from various city departments.

"We've been having a great day," said Chris Kemp, who attended with his 5-year-old son Conner. Kemp, coach of the Green Run T-Ball Mariners, took his team out on the field for a demonstration game.

"This has been a wonderful opportunity for people in Virginia Beach to come out and see what the facility is all about. I think it's a tremendous asset to the city, and today should serve to bring support to the Sportsplex once people realize its potential impact."

The complex, which opened last year, had come under some criticism from Beach residents because of the initial cost of the structure — $11 million — and the fees it charges to use the fields.

But none of those feelings were present during Community Day.

"A lot of effort has been put into the Sportsplex, and today's event," said Hampton Roads Mariners professional

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Family makes Covenant for new home

City, Habitat for Humanity and churches teaming up

By Aune Kirk
Correspondent

With a spirit of cooperation, the Virginia Beach Covenant, Habitat for Humanity and the city broke ground on Sunday for the newest house that will be built for a needy family.

The house will be located on Alberthas Drive in Little Neck. It will take about six months to build and will go to the Qualtieri family, a family of four with a disabled father.

The covenant is a coalition of 24 churches and one synagogue who have banded together for social outreach to alleviate poverty housing the community, said Richard Busciglio, communication director.

"It's very exciting," he said. "We started three years ago and this is our sixth house."

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Photo by Aune Kirk

DIGGING IN. Thanks to the teamwork of Habitat for Humanity, Virginia Beach Covenant and the city, Mark Qualtieri and his family are getting a new home.

Commentary

A COAT OF GOODWILL

A sense of community

Tomorrow a team of volunteers, by conservative estimates some 2,000-strong, will gather at homes of the elderly and disabled to take a "lick" at fixing up their communities.

It will the third areawide Paint Your Heart Out, Hampton Roads — regionalism at its best. Rotary Clubs in all South Hampton Roads cities are joining hearts and hands to spread a coat of goodwill.

Last year's effort proved so remarkable that 100 homes — houses that otherwise might not get the much-needed care they need because their elderly owners are on fixed incomes — will be tackled. The result is enhanced pride in ownership and better-looking neighborhoods.

Without the support of the volunteers who get the grunt work done, and businesses which donate the necessary supplies, the project would not be possible.

This is the public's chance to make a difference in the lives of elderly citizens and toward working together as a region. So good luck tomorrow, heart volunteers, as you work up a sweat.

And remember, Paint Your Heart Out, Hampton Roads! — V.E.H.

It's your issue, too

Child abuse is a relatively unique social issue in that almost no one questions whether it's right or wrong. With abortion, gun control, even drugs, you have two sides to the coin. But it is hard to imagine anyone saying publicly that they condone child abuse — even the abusers. True, there may be some dispute over what crosses the line and constitutes "abuse," but it goes against the grain of humanity to hurt an innocent, helpless child.

The issue, as clear cut as it seems, is also one that does not necessarily draw outsiders in. People sit by daily across the country while children next door are abused physically, sexually and emotionally. There is something taboo about sticking our noses in another parent's business, even if that business is as sinister as harming a child.

Child abuse and the way our country is reacting to it has the strength to change the way society interacts.

Teachers, who share at least as much of a child's waking hours as most parents, are advised across the country to never touch children anymore. A hug can be misconstrued as sexual abuse, a pat on the back can be manipulated into a beating by a money-lusting lawyer, and taking a violent child by the arm to prevent harm to other students or the teacher can be misconstrued as an attack.

And a relatively new danger, played upon by children who are well aware of the change in society, leaves perfectly innocent, reputable teachers and other adults almost helpless against being dragged through life-changing court proceedings by children who falsely say they have been abused.

And the saddest fact is that this is all of necessity. All of this madness was prompted by the reality that danger is present, perhaps fired along by the society-altering fear of lawsuits.

As a society where the abuse of children has grown to such proportions that non-abusers have altered our behavior and the way children are raised, we should be horrified by what abusers are doing across the country. How many generations will it take before the coldness leaves impersonal creatures not capable of a hug or fearful of a touch.

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Letter to the editor

Veterans closer to having new final resting place

Editor:

National cemeteries are filling up rapidly as our large veteran population is dying off. Sen. J. Randy Forbes, in response to a request from area veterans, patroned legislation to establish a state veterans cemetery in the Hampton Roads area.

It requires three separate actions by the General Assembly to establish a state veterans' cemetery. In this last General Assembly session the most difficult, step two, was completed when the funds were budgeted to purchase the land. The land should be purchased this year and the cemetery completed in 2001 or early 2002.

Sen. Forbes, the lead legislator, successfully carried the funding request through the Senate. Del. Glenn R. Croshaw patroned the funding request in the House of Delegates and enlisted the aid of several key members to overcome stiff opposition to the cemetery funding by anti-veteran Delegates.

Staff members in both of the legislators offices give considerable credit for success to the hundreds of phone calls and letters from veterans and other supporters who deluged the members of the General Assembly,

One of my own phone calls was to a key opponent, and his voice did not display pleasure at the number of calls he was getting. In my mind I questioned, how could he as a representative of the people deny this cemetery to those who had served him and our country at the risk of their own lives? Shame on him.

I feel this combined effort was a perfect example of elected officials meeting the need of their constituents who also worked to fulfill this need.

Thanks to the efforts of Randy Forbes, Glenn Croshaw and hundreds of phone callers, our veterans are closer to having a final resting-place of honor.

The Virginia Department of Veterans' Affairs is now accepting pre-approval requests for burial in state cemeteries that may be used at our new Veterans' Cemetery once it is completed.

Congratulations and thanks to all those who are supporting our efforts.

Al Horton, Chairman
Hampton Roads Veterans' Cemetery Committee

A tisket, a tasket...a basket

I thought I had enjoyed every shopping adventure until attending my first real auction last weekend.

Sure, I've been to fancy auctions — the kind where a church or organization gets businesses to donate objects as a fundraiser. I've been to silent auctions, too, where you write your bid on a piece of paper and hope yours is the highest.

Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

But never have I been to a live, in-your-face, this-is-real-competition-because-I-want-that auction.

Being the adventurous sort, I decided to go for it.

A friend who works for a local auction firm called me several days before the event to give me the lowdown. He knew I'd want to be there — and it meant a drive to Grandy, N.C. — because there would be several Longaberger™ baskets on the block.

I was naturally intrigued since I'm both a Longaberger consultant and collector. The baskets are handmade American maple ones that increase in value and are pretty as well as functional.

Friday night I began plotting my trip. First I called my best girlfriend, Carter, who also adores the baskets, and she agreed to join me.

I filled her in on the "messy" details of the auction: a couple getting divorced was divesting themselves of everything — selling the house, cars, horses, furniture, dishes, collectibles, you name it, on the auction block.

Since the auction would be at 10 a.m. and Grandy, N.C. is a long haul from here (about 75 minutes), I promised to be at her doorstep at 8 a.m.

Car gassed and ready to go, we set off on our excursion with checkbooks in hand and a Longaberger collectors' guide. We were shooting for bargains.

When we arrived, it was still a drippy, damp, overcast morning. Cars were parked for several blocks down the narrow country road.

"I didn't know these things were so popular," I said to Carter. "Why so many people?"

"There's lots of good stuff up for sale," she said.

We made our way to the house and settled in a long line to get our bidding numbers. So many people were there, in fact, that the auction didn't get under way until 11 a.m. We had plenty of time to peruse all the offerings — about 600 or so.

I noticed there were several dealers at the auction, and they were the ruthless ones.

Sadly, the baskets were in the 200-level items, and my girlfriend liked some things in the 400s.

"It's going to be a long day," I thought.

But I was ready for action. I'd made a list of the baskets I wanted and was sure I would get them.

Never be sure of anything when you go to an auction.

When the bidding finally got under way, I couldn't help but feel compelled to raise my card at some items.

I could kick myself for not going higher than $40 on a brand new (still in the box) sewing machine, which went for $50. And the antique train set (still in the box, too) that went for $65. I even bid on some knives that I thought my husband Evan would like. But being that I don't know the value of knives, I stopped at $20.

I did, however, get him a "lot" consisting of three collector's lighters (one silver) and a silver handwarmer for golf at $12.50.

Then, as I waited for them to get to the baskets, I started observing the scene around me.

I came to several conclusions.

The first is that people will buy virtually anything. I watched one man pay $15 for a cardboard box full of old, plastic, red Pizza Hut glasses. Another fellow paid $5 for two packs of Marlboro cigarettes.

"They're cheaper than the store at $3 a pack," he observed.

Right. But he also paid the $10 surcharge fee at the end debited to anyone who purchased anything at the auction. Good thinking, buddy.

I noticed there were several dealers at the auction, and they were the ruthless ones who drove up bids, had cellular phones ringing all the time and knew the auctioneer by name.

I quivered just thinking how some of them might bid against me for the baskets.

Finally, my Longaberger moment came. About 10 baskets were on the block, each to be auctioned individually. I was sure I'd get at least two.

That's when the men cleared out and all the ladies crowded around.

And the games began.

If I thought the dealers were ruthless, I had underestimated the seemingly sweet-looking little women who had been admiring the baskets with all morning.

They knew what they wanted and were determined to get it.

Fifty, 60, 70....150 bucks....

I was outleagued. My girlfriend gave up, too, settling with a knife and small footstool she'd gotten earlier.

In the end, I got one basket for $60. One measly basket. But I was assured it was a good deal by the veteran collectors. At just two years old the basket was already valued at $120 on the trading market.

We made our way home that afternoon kind of disillusioned and feeling like auction rookies.

I admit it was rather exhilarating at first to bid, but when it went beyond my pocketbook I felt we'd traveled all that way for nothing.

While it was an "experience," I'm going to keep my shopping at home here in Hampton Roads and try the flea markets and yard sales when I want a bargain.

I just don't have those auction instincts.

Clinton's legacy could well be World War III

Bill Clinton has been impeached and found guilty of contempt of court for giving "intentionally false" testimony about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky during questioning in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case.

The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright said, "The record demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that the president responded to plaintiff's questions by giving false, misleading and evasive answers that were designed to obstruct the judicial process."

Since Clinton is also a lawyer, he is considered an officer of the court and he attempted to obstruct the judicial process. He is now subject to disbarment and could lose his license to practice law in Arkansas.

Now this is the president of the United States whom this has happened to. No other president in history has been so disgraced. And now this same out-of-control commander of all the armed forces is leading us into World War III — if we aren't already there.

It is obvious that Clinton, Secretary of State Madeline Albright and the other "yes" crowd don't have a clue as to how to handle the problem they so foolishly created. Albright should have been gone long ago, and if Clinton is the worst president, she is the worst secretary of state.

It's interesting when things are going good the propaganda experts report that American pilots hit this target or that target, but when things go bad, when a mistake is made and a bomb is dropped on a convoy of refugees killing 75 men, women and little babies, they report that it was a NATO pilot.

I had hoped that all the spinning was over with but sadly it goes on and we will be told lies every day to cover up the failures of the worst disaster since Vietnam.

During that war, it was abhorrent to me to see young Americans burning their draft cards and moving to Canada. I just could not understand it, having served in the U.S. Marines during World War II. I lost many friends who were willing to give their life for their country, but now I understand those draft dodgers (even Bill Clinton) for not wanting to die for a lost cause like Vietnam.

Clinton has stripped the armed forces and now, he is going to call up 30,000 reservists to fight another no-win war. I never dreamed that I would see the day when I would advise all young men and women to refuse to fight in this Clinton-created war.

This pervert may pull us into a nuclear war. Perhaps that will be his legacy. Welcome to the real world.

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Virginia Beach: Profile of economic vitality

Over the last few years the city of Virginia Beach has established record numbers in relation to economic development activity.

The year 1998 saw 22 new companies, 24 business expansions and nearly 4,600 jobs come to the city.

The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf

Beginning in April, VBTV 48, in collaboration with the Department of Economic Development, will bring you the latest installment of the series, "Profiles of Economic Vitality," a program designed to show you "what's new" and "who's next" in jobs, companies and future development without city limits.

The focus of "Profiles of Economic Vitality" is to spotlight new and existing businesses and to bring to light the benefits they provide within our community. The program also explains why Virginia Beach is such a great place to do business.

Profiles is a quarterly series which airs on Cox Cable, Channel 48. The new profiles began airing Monday, April 5. That installment featured the Navy's decision to relocate 156 F/A 18 fighter jets to NAS Oceana and its economic impact on the region, Stihl Inc.'s 25-year partnership with the city of Virginia Beach, and the impact that middle schools play in attracting business.

The weekly program schedule is:

- Monday, 7 a.m. and 2 p.m.;
- Wednesday, 7 a.m., 2 p.m. and 9 p.m.;
- Friday, 9 p.m.;
- Saturday, 7 a.m., 2 p.m. and 9 p.m.; and
- Sunday, 9 p.m.

Additional information about each program can be found in the Sunday *Beacon* or by calling Beach Line at 427-3580 - access number 850 for partial information, Or, tune your television dial to Channel 46 and check the "In Touch" listings for scheduling information. The number of 427-VBTV. Finally, you can find the listings at the VBTV home page: www.virginia-beach.va.us/services/video/home.htm.

We are very happy to report that "Profiles of Economic Vitality" has been named a finalist in the 1999 Telly Awards for the Public Relations category.

Now in its 20th year, the Telly Awards have become a well-known, highly respected national competition for people who create commercials, films and videos.

In rating the entries, judges begin with the show's concept, then consider all the things that a producer does in building a finished piece; writing, on screen talent quality, set design, lighting, editing, music, etc.

Judges look at each piece as a whole, and reward outstanding overall quality. They rate each entry on a 10-point scale. Entries with a score of 7.0 or 8.9 are "finalists" and receive the bronze Telly. Entries with a score of 9.0 or higher are "winners" and receive the silver Telly.

The debut of "Profiles" featured Geico's new call center, the Lynnhaven Mall expansion and the contribution of the Virginia Beach City Public Schools in attracting and retaining business.

Producers Jerry Stewart (Economic Development) and Bill Casey (Video Services) were tasked with conveying the benefits these organizations bring to the city and more importantly, why Virginia Beach is such a great place to do business.

More than 10,000 entries were judged with emphasis placed on all components required in building the finished product.

Be sure to take time to look at this very enlightening program.

Bill Casey, video production specialist, contributed to this column.

Beach lauded by *Site Selection* for development

The Virginia Beach Department of Economic Development's work ethic is paying dividends in more ways than the successful recruitment of top-notch firms to the city.

Site Selection magazine is honoring the city "in recognition of closing one of North America's Top 10 Economic Development Deals of 1998" and will feature the Virginia Beach/GEICO deal, along with other blockbuster deals, in their May issue.

Site Selection is a major economic development trade magazine.

Closing the Geico Direct expansion deal resulted in corporate investment of more than $20 million and projected employment of approximately 2,000 employees. According to Geico officials, the deal will have a regional economic impact approaching $1 billion in total jobs created, salaries and sales of goods and services by the company. In addition, Geico Direct has entered into an option agreement which may create 2,500 more jobs and more than $25 million in corporate investment.

The official announcement was made at a Geico Appreciation Picnic the city held recently for Geico officials at Princess Anne Park. Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf emphasized the quality of employment.

"Most gratifying about this honor is knowing that it came within City Council's and management's goal of securing good-paying jobs with benefits, not just jobs for jobs sake," said Oberndorf. "City leadership has vowed to concentrate on those employers that will raise the threshold of our residents' and the region's average salaries and wages. This is a great honor for our city and for our economic development professionals."

"We are very pleased that our hard work is being recognized by such a prestigious publication," said Donald L. Maxwell, director of economic development. "Second only to the job creation and considerable economic impact of landing Geico Direct is the satisfaction of earning recognition and respect for our collective efforts."

The *Site Selection* magazine article can be accessed on the Internet at www.conway.com

"We owe a debt of gratitude to city leaders for providing us with the wherewithal and latitude to pursue economic development projects of this magnitude and we're excited about our longer term partnership with Geico Direct," Maxwell stated.

Oils on display

More than 40 oil paintings by Thomas "Tony" Hall are on display at Cape Henry Collegiate's Phillips gallery through May 14. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Up close and personal

Joe Lowenthal: City Employee of the Year

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

Rarely is Joe Lowenthal speechless — especially since his job is to represent the Beach schools before the media and public.

But there's always room for a first...such as when you've just been handed an honor as prestigious as Outstanding City Employee of the Year.

A former radio and newspaper editor, Lowenthal made his living as a member of the press for many years.

Today, the tables are turned; he's the one always being interviewed as public information coordinator for Virginia Beach City Public Schools, a post he's held for nearly 21 years.

"Let's face it. When you work in public relations you promote others. So when you start getting this kind of recognition it's kind of tough to deal with. I guess that was the hardest part of this whole thing for me," Lowenthal said.

Honored during a banquet earlier this month at the Doubletree Hotel, he was endorsed for the Virginia Beach Rotary-sponsored award by several notables. They included Superintendent of Schools Timothy Jenney, Councilwoman Reba McClanan, Del. Glenn Croshaw, Congressman Owen Pickett and Kathy Phipps, assistant superintendent of media and communications development for the schools.

Lowenthal was "really taken aback by some of the nice things they had to say." The award pays tribute to a Virginia Beach employee who has demonstrated superior performance on the job.

A graduate of Maury High School and Virginia Commonwealth University, the Norfolk native's love affair with Virginia Beach started early. After 60 years, he's still "hopelessly addicted.

"As a child, my parents brought me many, many times from our home in Norfolk for a day's outing in Virginia Beach. We would arrive early enough to stake our claim on a picnic pavilion at Seaside Park, change clothes in the bathhouse, and romp — if you can imagine me romping — in the surf until lunchtime. Let me tell you that nothing has ever matched the taste of those picnic lunches in the shade of the pavilion where the ocean breezes made the summer heat bearable," he reminisced.

In high school, Virginia Beach's oceanfront remained a favorite haunt — the perfect hunting grounds for a Saturday night date.

"In fact, I spent most of the night there following my high school graduation," he mused.

Four years later, Lowenthal returned to those old stomping grounds to become a teacher at Princess Anne High School. He found his favorite city had grown considerably — and is still growing to this day!

Future jobs — the Army and teaching and news radio editing positions, both in Richmond — took Lowenthal away from Virginia Beach for eight years. During his time at WRVA in Richmond, he covered such timely stories as the 1962 elimination of Virginia's poll tax.

Sidney Kellam and his weekly newspaper, the *Virginia Beach Sun*, brought Lowenthal home to Tidewater again.

In his first day on the job as managing editor of the newspaper, he attended a news conference announcing the construction of Pembroke Mall — a new concept in shopping.

He got a good taste for local politics while at the paper.

"Cap'n Sidney was the recognized leader of the Virginia Beach political organization — revered by many, feared by some, disliked by few," Lowenthal reflected.

After the *Sun*, he did an eight-year stint as news director at WCMS radio. Lowenthal joined the Beach schools in 1978 after a call from then-Superintendant of Schools Ed Brickell (a big WCMS fan) and has been there ever since.

"My knowledge of politics and the area and so forth was building for a long time. I've always said that this job was where I was heading all my life, but I didn't know it. Let's face it — I did teaching, radio, newspaper, television, even some advertising and public relations. Suddenly, it all came home to roost in this job."

And it's his ideal job, too.

"I have never left, and I have never wanted to. This was where I belong. I knew it then, and I know it today. I can tell you with equivocation that I love what I do," he said.

The job isn't without its aggravations, because "a public relations job in the public sector is both frustrating and rewarding," Lowenthal contended.

But "that's the nature of the beast," he added.

Lowenthal has watched Virginia Beach's public schools grow from infancy, to adolescence, to maturity.

"How fortunate I am to have been a part of it all!" he enthused.

The honor comes at the twilight of Lowenthal's career with the school system. He predicts he'll retire by year's end with wife Louise, founder of the Governor's School for the Arts, and they'll travel the world. Lowenthal expects he will probably continue to do workshops and seminars for the National School Public Relations Association, an organization which he once served as president.

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> Joe Lowenthal

He leaves behind a distinguished career of service to the schools and community.

Lowenthal serves on the National Teacher of the Year Selection Committee and is an 18-year member of the Board of Directors for the Tidewater Chapter, American Red Cross. He is a member of the Public Relations Society of America and the Tidewater Chapter.

He also holds membership in the Masons, Scottish Rite and Shrine.

Name: Joe Lowenthal.

What brought you to this area: Which time? I lived in Norfolk in high school, but I went to college in Richmond. After college I was hired as a speech, drama and English teacher at Princess Anne Nigh School. After the Army and radio/television work in Richmond, I was brought back here to be managing editor and general manager of the *Virginia Beach Sun* in 1965.

Hometown: Norfolk.

Nickname: Probably many behind my back. My family called me Jo Jo as a child because my father's name was Joe. I'm still trying to live It down, but too many people still around here know it.

Occupation: Public Information Coordinator, Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

Marital Status: Married 40 years. I don't remember being single.

Children: Joanna, 35, is in sales in marketing in Richmond; Carolyn, 33, is director of finance for Powhatan County (her husband, Chris Cios, is my dentist); David 30, is an actor/waiter in Chicago and New York.

Favorite movies: Most recently, "Waking Ned Devine," "As Good As It Gets" and "Wag the Dog."

Magazines I read regularly: *PR Tactics, U.S. News and World, Smithsonian* and *Modern Maturity.*

Favorite authors: William Shakespeare, Mark Twain. James Michener and Tom Clancy.

Favorite night out on the town: Dinner and movie with all the neighbors on our street. (It only has nine houses.)

Favorite restaurant: Any in the *Entertainment Book*...and the Outback.

Favorite meal and beverage: Steak, baked potato, onion rings, a salad and water (that's all I ever drink).

What most people don't know about me: My serious, less sarcastic side, and there really is one.

Best thing about myself: I've never met anyone I could strike up a conservation with.

Worst habit: I spend too much time working. I am too much of a perfectionist.

Pets: We used to have cats and dogs, but I have outlived them.

Hobbies: Traveling and (forced) yard work; I spend too much time working to have any real hobbies. Maybe when I retire...

Ideal vacation: Seeing as much of a country as possible; next one, Italy, I hope.

Pet peeves: Boring people who drone on and on about themselves. I don't care.

First job: Soda fountain clerk (jerk).

Least liked job: Selling booth space for a regional fair — found out I am not suited for sales.

Favorite sports team: Washington Redskins (remember them?), New York Yankees and Jeff Gordon.

Favorite musicians: Louis Armstrong, Willie Nelson and Big Band music.

Most embarrassing moment: How much space do your have? There was the time I totally forgot the name of the celebrity I was introducing on stage...and, of course, there was the time...no that's too embarrassing to tell you.

How I would like to be remembered: As someone who made a difference.

If I received $1 million: It would be my children's inheritance, but my wife and I would spend it traveling. Hey! It's the thought that counts.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: Been there. Done that. But I guess that today I would try to convince the audience that there is much good about public education.

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Photo by Jane Rowe

HOW THEIR GARDENS GROW. Linda Xenaskis and the ladies of Eastern Shore Chapel in Virginia Beach are gearing up for their annual herb sale this weekend.

Herb sale has sweet taste of success

By Jane Rowe
Correspondent

What's more lovely than a rose and sweeter than sugar?

If you give up, the answer is the herbs that will be available at St. Martha's Herb Garden Circle, scheduled for Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at Eastern Shore Chapel.

This year, the members of the Herb Garden Circle will feature stevia rebaudiana, an ultrasweet sugar substitute from the Paraguay highlands. Lavendar, the 1999 herb of the year, will also be available in several varieties.

If you're addicted to this showy plant with the beautiful blooms and the delightful scent, you'll be in heaven amid the many types of creeping and upright lavendars that will produce blue, lavendar or pink blooms.

Of course, the traditional English lavendars, mints, and cullinary herbs will also be available for sale. Linda Xenakis of Linda's Garden, who is supplying the herbs, said that about 2,700 herbs will be for sale.

Xenakis, owner of Linda's Garden at Farmer's Market, said that the basils, rosemary, thyme, sage and parsley are always hot sellers. This year, however, a newcomer is the runaway hit.

Stevia rebaudiana, which has been used by the native Americans in Paraguay, Brazil and Argentina for centuries, has just been approved for use in this country. It was widely used as a sugar substitute in England during World War II, and it has been used in Japan since the 1950s It was banned in this country pending the results of tests by the Food and Drug Administration that showed it to be save. The dried green leaves of this plant, Xenakis said, are "10 to 15 times sweeter than sugar" and virtually calorie-free.

Xenakis, who dries the leaves, grinds them in a blender and uses them in her own recipes, said that one-and-one-half to two tablespoons are equivalent to a cup of sugar.

"My daughter, who's in Paraguay with the Peace Corps, uses it in all of her recipes," said Joni Bateman, a member of Eastern Shore Chapel.

The sun-loving plant is a tender perennial which loves hot weather but needs to be protected during Virginia Beach winters. "I had some plants outside, and lost them," Xenakis said, "but I had others that wintered over in an unheated greenhouse."

The herb has become wildly popular among local herb enthusiasts, said Xenakis, who added that she's had several customers come into her shop asking for it.

Lavendar, which was picked by the International Herb Society to be this year's herb of the year, is also so popular that "it's hard to find this year," Xenakis said. She'll have several types available at Saturday's herb sale, including the upright lavendars that grow better here than English lavendar.

"The upright lavendars do better in this area," Xenakis said, "because the English lavendars are more sprawling, they grow along the ground."

The moisture in heavy, clay soil tends to rot this plant, which craves sunlight, heat and dry conditions.

Lavendars cannot tolerate much moisuture, Xenakis cautioned, and should be planted in a dry, sunny spot.

"A base of sand will help them tremendously," she said. "Many people around here loselavendar because they put it in a wet spot." For the best results, plant it around rocks or gravel, with a sand base in a very hot, sunny spot.

"It grows really well around a concrete driveway because that concrete attracts the heat," Xenakis said.

The ladies at Eastern Shore Chapel, who have held this herb sale each year since 1994, grow their own lavendars, rosemary and Angelica in the church's herb garden. They've grown the herbs since 1992 "because we had a spot (in the churchyard) that nobody wanted to fool with," said Ruth Hunter, who is involved in coordinating the sale.

Proceeds from the herb sale will go to the church's building fund and to various charities that are supported by St. Martha's

Herb Garden Circle. The sale will be held at the church, located at 2020 Laskin Road.

Family makes Covenant

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Busciglio said the project began with a group of Catholic churches, but it soon became too big for one organization. Habitat for Humanity helps defray the cost and the city helps locate property and waives construction fees. The churches provide part of the money and most of the manpower. All three provide the love and everyone reaps the benefits.

For the Qualtieri family, it means a home of their own — a safe spot and a backyard for the two girls, Tessa, 2, and Miranda, 4, to play.

"I'm excited," said Tina Qualtieri, as she looked around the peaceful spot. "I will have a nice little backyard in a nice neighborhood. I couldn't ask for better."

Having a safe spot is important to Tina as her husband is disabled and she works to support the family. She recently had two drive-by shootings in her neighborhood. She said she can't wait to invite the neighbors over, and her children will have other kids to play with.

Mark Qualtieri feels the same way.

"We are so blessed," he said. "When I got disabled, I never though I would be able to provide anything for my family. This is wonderful."

ago in a car wreck. He had just received his commercial real estate license and was talking graduate class in divinity. Something went wrong, and Qualtieri is in constant pain. He takes strong medicine daily just to to cope with daily life.

Despite the problems, he remains optimistic and he is grateful to God and his community.

"When you see something like this, you can see the premises in God's word coming true," the young man said with a smile.

He knows he and his family will be happy there.

However, the benefits of helping a family and promoting home ownership extends even farther.

According to David Spinazzola, chapter president for Habitat for Humanity, home ownership provides an "oasis" in any neighborhood.

"Studies have shown people take more pride in their homes, their families are more stable and the children do well in school," he said. "Even in the worst areas, the neighbor begins to change around the homes we build."

Spinazzola said that home ownership is part of the American dream, and to help people accomplish that goal is "true representation of the American Spirit."

Photo by Aune Kirk

A NEW HOME. The Qualtieri family – dad Mark, mom Tina and daughters Tessa and Miranda, 2 and 4, respectively – are the recipients of a new Habitat for Humanity home here. The project is an effort of the city, Habitat and the Virginia Beach Covenant.

Sportsplex opens door to community

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soccer General Manager Jack Ankerson.

The Mariners are one of the main tenants of the facility, which pays its annual operating expenses and $100,000 in rent. The Mariners also paid about $1.2 million in construction costs for the structure.

"People need to give the Sportsplex the opportunity to become the asset for the city that I know it will. There is a lot of short-term thinking, but in the long-term this will be a very important part of the big picture for Virginia Beach."

He said last year's rough start of delays due to vandalism and weather should be put in the past, and residents need to look forward.

"There will always be nay-sayers, but as this place continues to evolve it will prove them wrong."

The Sportsplex is also home to the Hampton Roads Sharks, a semi-professional football team, and the Hampton Roads Piranhas, a professional women's soccer team.

Controversy came earlier this year when city officials raised the usage fees for the two teams from $2,000 to nearly $3,000 per game. The Sharks and Piranhas would also have to pay fees for custodial services and security.

"Things will work out," said Virginia Beach spokesperson Emma Inman.

"Everything is new and evolving. We plan to garner revenue from hosting a number of sporting events here throughout the year, and are aggressive in our sports marketing of the facility. This is a wonderful facility for the community and people across the region." She said once everyone came out and saw what was offered, the 6,000 seat stadium would be filled with events from soccer to football to lacrosse.

"We have been to several Mariner's games, and plan on attending more," said Frances Weier, who attended with her 9-year-old son, Steven. "This is a good asset to the city, and worth the costs involved. It is one more element in raising the standards of living in Virginia Beach."

Feelings echoed by Steven, an advanced soccer player who would one day like to play professional soccer himself.

"I'm glad this place is close to our home," he said.

Throughout the day there were youth flag football exhibitions by the Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Department Recreation Association, a youth lacrosse exhibition by members of the Tidewater Youth Lacrosse Association, a youth field hockey exhibition by members of the Tidewater Hockey Association, and a youth soccer exhibition by members of the Virginia Beach Soccer Club.

Soccer players like Steven took advantage of clinics offered by members of the Hampton Roads Mariners, who also signed autographs. There was even the opportunity to be a star with "Take a Shot at the Mariners" — a chance to take a shot on goal at a Mariners defender while being videotaped free of charge.

City departments offered free blood pressure screenings, a child safety seat check, bicycle rodeo, tours of the facility, library storytellers, and demonstrations by fire and police officials.

"What a great day this has been," said Cathy Maciejewski, who attended with her 7-year-old daughter, Katherine. "It's a beautful facility. The more they bring things like this to the city, the better it is for us and our children. We'll use it a lot."

Opening day for the Mariners begins April 24 with a match against Hershey. The Mariners will play 14 home games and host the A-League All-Star game on July 8.

Photo by Patrick Evans-Hylton

COMMUNITY DAY AT THE SPORTSPLEX. Soccer enthusiasts turned out by the thousands to meet the Hampton Roads Mariners and enjoy festivities Saturday at the Virginia Beach Sportsplex.

Motors revved for race

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The Race at the Base is reminiscent of airport races of the early 1950s, and the Oceana design resembles the internationally renowned Sebring track near Orlando and the Firebird International outside Phoenix.

Because of the condition of the airstrip, cars should approach speeds of 180 mph, said Thumel, who will compete in his 1962 Triumph TR4.

"It's very smooth, so it's very fast," he said. "We can accommodate Can-Am cars — very sophisticated cars from the '70s," he said. "They won't get all torn up using this track. Cars that have very low ground clearance will be very effective on this track."

And because the track has no hills, spectators will enjoy an unobstructed view from the bleachers that will be erected along the course.

Race organizers also have made sure that safety and speed go hand in hand.

More than 1,400 feet of Jersey Barrier — the 6,000-pound concrete barriers used on Route 44 — has been donated by E.V. Williams Co. of Virginia Beach.

There will be a flag station at every corner manned with a volunteer from the District of Columbia chapter of the Sports Car Club of America; a track doctor will be on hand; and Virginia Beach Fire and Ambulance will provide an ambulance.

The cars include safety harnesses and rollbars to protect the drivers, who all wear fire-retardant suits.

"It's frowned upon if you bend a fender," Thumel said. "The name of his game is to enjoy them, drive them hard, but not hurt them or our competitors."

Thumel admitted road racing is not for everyone. Car-to-car contact — one of the reasons that stock-car oriented NASCAR has become such a huge spectator sport — is prohibited.

Also, vintage drivers earn no prize money.

Still, "I think it would be awesome if you could attract a nationwide spectator crowd to Virginia Beach," he said.

The event should provide a boost to the Virginia Beach economy before the traditional tourist season starts.

More than 100 hotel rooms had been rented by racers and their fans by late last week, according to James B. Ricketts, director of the Virginia Beach Department of Convention and Visitor Development

He hopes Race at the Base will one day mirror the success of a similar event held at a San Diego naval base. That race drew more than 15,000 fans.

"It's an off-season event, which helps us," Ricketts said. "We need to have more business in the spring and fall. The vision is to develop Virginia Beach into a year-round vacation destination."

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Re-enactors recall Virgnia secesion at Lynnhaven House

By Bob Ruegsegger
Correspondent

As late as April 4, 1861, Virginia had rejected secession from the Union by voting two to one against it, but that sentiment soon shifted.

Only two weeks later, the South's traditional leader chose the alternate route of secession.

At an encampment at the historic Lynnhaven House in Virginia Beach, Civil War re-enactors with the 3rd Virginia Voluntary Infantry Regiment commemorated Virginia's withdrawal from the Federal government on April 17, 1861.

Richard Greathouse, event coordinator with the 3rd Virginia, set the scene for encampment visitors.

"Today is the 138th anniversary of the secession of Virginia from the Northern states," said Greathouse. "As of this moment, the Commonwealth of Virginia is now the nation of Virginia unto itself."

At this point in history, Virginia was not formerly aligned with either the Southern States or the Northern States. It would be weeks before Virginia opted to join the Confederacy.

This act of secession was ultimately ratified by a state-wide referendum that was held on May 23.

At the Lynnhaven House, Greathouse and his re-enactment outfit portrayed a unit called the Union Guard (attached to the 3rd Virginia) which was comprised of Irishmen from Deep Creek who were led by Captain Francis Michael Faith.

"We're representing the Union Guard which had disbanded in 1859 but because of secession had reformed," said Greathouse.

Mike Hendrick, who depicted Captain Faith, characterized the men of the Union Guard as first and second generation Irish who came to America in the 1840's.

"They were from Deep Creek which was in Norfolk County," recalled Hendrick. "They worked on the flat boats that went up and down the George Washington Canal from Elizabeth City and into Portsmouth."

Eventually, the Union Guard went on the serve during the Civil War with the 9th Virginia from Portsmouth.

"What we're representing this weekend is the eve of secession," commented Hendrick.

Officially, the information that Virginians had voted to secede was withheld until April 19.

"So that Virginia troops could be placed in key positions to seize the Gosport Shipyard and the Harper's Ferry Arsenal," explained Hendrick.

Initially, the Union Guard was deployed to secure key road intersections and scout along Chesapeake Bay for advantageous artillery positions to protect the bay from Federal ships.

"We don't know whether any troops were actually camped here (Lynnhaven House site) or not," admitted Hendrick candidly.

"Princess Anne County formed four infantry companies — Princess Anne County Grays, the Seaboard Rifles, and Princess Anne County Patriots — which were part of the 6th Virginia and the 41st Virginia," Hendrick said.

Virginians were divided on the issue of secession.

"The Marion Rifles was a good example," said Greathouse. "When it came to vote for whether to secede or stay independent, they decided to remain independent."

"Not everybody was going to fall in lockstep. It was a free nation," Greathouse observed.

"But once Virginia as a whole made that decision [secession], the men went with that decision and their state," added Hendrick.

Capt. Faith and 1st Sgt. Michael O'Bannon both wore ribbons to show their support for secession.

> **"Nobody knew what the future would bring."**
>
> Richard Greathouse, re-enactor

"There are two in existence; they are called secession ribbons," said Mike Rippl who portrayed 1st Sergeant O'Bannon.

"There is the one like the captain is wearing which is a circular ribbon with a Virginia button in the middle," said Rippl pointing in Hendrick's direction. "And then there's the black folded ribbon with the white and, again, a Virginia button on it."

"They were very popular in all the southern states, there are only two that we know of in existence. They are, I believe, in the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond," Rippl noted.

"Virginia was an independent nation for right at about a month. They left the Union because Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers from Virginia to put down the rebellion," said Rippl.

"Virginia could not stand against her fellow Southern States," he said. "Virginia left the Union but did not join the Confederacy until May of '61."

Although there was considerable rejoicing and celebrating when Virginia declared her independence, it was also a time of mixed emotions: relief, elation, and uncertainty.

"Nobody knew what the future would bring. The Federal forces were gathering north in the Washington City area. Upwards of 70,000 troops were out there drilling," said Greathouse.

Those in the 3rd Virginia were keenly aware of the Federal forces being prepared to suppress the rebellious Southern States. Men from Maryland came south to join the 3rd Virginia.

"One company of the 3rd Virginia was made up the majority of people from Baltimore, Maryland," Greathouse noted. "And that was not uncommon."

In addition to the military encampment, there was also a separate civilian encampment on the Lynnhaven House grounds. The camp followers and those supporting the army were situated outside the military compound.

Camp followers were a combination of types: wives as well as other family members, merchants, tradesmen and prostitutes.

"Among the camp followers were the sutlers. They were a mercantile type of arrangement; they provided the things, other than the uniforms, that the soldiers would have needed," he explained.

"Writing paper, games, cards....special things."

"There were, of course, the hookers," Greathouse grinned. "That name came from General Hooker who had camp followers. That's how they got the name hooker," he said .

"There were also tailors who would take an ill-fitting uniform and make it fit better," Greathouse added.

Wives and family members of the soldiers were camp followers as well. Irene Owens husband served with the Union Guard.

"We decided to come out and join our men and celebrate with them — bring them some sweets and some food and just have a festive atmosphere," said Owens.

While the general atmosphere in the civilian encampment was festive, there were worries and doubts about the future. The women feared for the lives of their men, they had some anxiety over their farms and plantations and worried about slave uprisings.

While their concern was both obvious and realistic, their outlook perhaps was overly optimistic.

"Two or three months and the fighting will be over," said one young wife.

Photos by Bob Ruegsegger

BAYONET CHARGE. First Sgt. Michael O'Bannon, portrayed by Mike Rippl, prepares the men of the Union Guard, portrayed by the 3rd Virginia Infantry, for a bayonet drill.

THINKING IT OVER. Diane Bennett's concern is evident as she contemplates the uncertainties of life in Virginia after secession.

"With our men and the winning of Gosport, I feel the war should be very short," said another. "Actually, I'm hoping six months."

When Virginia seceded from the Union on April 17, 1861, uncertainty, fear, and hope were the orders of the day.

When Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia on April 9, 1865 at Appomattox, the 3rd Virginia Regiment of Volunteer Infantry was there. The 3rd Virginia surrendered three officers and 56 men.

At Appomattox, there was little hope left. Only uncertainty and fear prevailed.

STRUMMING THE BLUES. Pvt. Todd Ballance of the Union Guard provides campside entertainment with his dulcimer.

Youth discover joys of teeing up to golf

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The high costs of playing the game prevented children from low-income families from participating in the past, while racial bias turned many African-Americans away from the sport.

SEJGA founder Gregory Hunt believes that his organization provides youths with a way to get on to the links.

"The majority of our kids are from low-income families," he said. "It's exposure. They get a chance to get out and see other things. This atmosphere does a lot for them."

Hunt said the popularity of PGA phenom Tiger Woods has made the game more accessible to African-Americans and other minorities, but believes there should be more programs like the SEJGA.

"We need more disciples other than me, to do what I'm doing," he said. "In order for us to make any substantial gain in this sport, we have to attack it from every angle. We have to get involved in every aspect of the game."

Spalding has shown its commitment by annually donating more than 25,000 golf clubs to junior golf programs across the country this year.

"It's important to support junior golf," said Spalding territory manager R.D. Dintaman, who attended Saturday's ceremony. "Any time you start kids out young, it helps. A lot of kids are more interested in golf than there used to be.

"Traditionally, golf had the same middle-age people who dominated the game," he said. "We've started to find that with younger role models, the kids can relate to them.

"We want to get clubs in the kids' hands so they have an opportunity to experience the game of golf and see if it's a game they enjoy," Dintaman said.

Jonathan Harris got that chance Saturday. The 16-year-old Green Run High School sophomore took home one of the bags of clubs for his efforts.

He got involved in the SEJGA when after moving to Virginia Beach from Jacksonville Beach, Fla. in October.

"Golf gives kids an opportunity to do something they wouldn't normally be able to do," said Harris, who started playing golf in 1996. "Later in life, it will be good, because it allows them to succeed.

"Patience — that's the one think I learned from this game," he said. "And, practice makes perfect."

"SPIRITUAL CLIMBING"
With LaMeice Harding
Channel 10 WAVY-TV
Sunday, April 25th
6:00-6:30 a.m.
12:00 (Noon) - 12:30 p.m.
from your friends at The Christian Science Churches
in Virginia Beach and Portsmouth
Please share this with a friend!

Genealogical Society tour

The Virginia Beach Genealogical Society will hold a genealogical resources tour at the Central Library's Local History/Genealogy Section, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd., on Thursday, May 6 at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Participation is limited to 15 adults. Registration can be made by phone, 437-6450, or walk-in at the Central Library Administration office.

ROWS will meet

The Retired Officers' Wives Society (ROWS) will hold its annual meeting luncheon on May 13 at the Cavalier Golf and Yacht Club. The social hour will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:15 p.m. Lynn Fergenbaum of the *Virginian-Pilot* will be the speaker. Reservations or cancellations must be made by calling 474-1951 or 552-0381 by May 10. Guests are welcome.

Beach's best dad

Nominations are now being accepted for the third annual "Virginia Beach Dad of the Year" award.

Public, private and home school students in grades kindergarten through 12 may nominate their father or father figure by writing an essay of 50 words of less stating why their father or father figure should receive special recognition as the Virginia Beach Dad of the Year. One winner and one runner-up will be selected from each grade level. Registration forms may be picked up from and nomination essays may be submitted to any Virginia Beach Public Library, Community Recreation Center or to your school's Language Arts teacher.

All nomination essays must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 7.

Virginia Beach Bar Association hosts Law Day 1999 activities

In recognition of the American Bar Association's celebration of Law Day 1999, the Virginia Beach Bar Association will sponsor a number of local events.

The main event will be an "Afternoon of No Bills."

On Monday, May 3, a number of attorneys from several local law firms will provide the public with free legal counseling by telephone from 1 to 5 p.m. Legal advice will be available to callers. Individuals interested in this program should call one of the following law firms and ask the receptionist to speak with an attorney participating in the "Afternoon of No Bills" for Law Day 1999:

■ Clark and Stant, P.C., 499-8800;

■ Huff, Poole and Mahoney, P.C., 499-1841;

■ Pender and Coward, P.C., 490-3000;

■ Wolcott, Rivers, Wheary, Basnight and Kelly, P.C., 497-6633.

The Virginia Beach Bar Association also plans the following activities in celebration of Law Day 1999:

■ The Liberty Bell Award will be awarded to the Docent Program at a celebration of the Docent Program's 20th anniversary on Friday, April 23 at 2 p.m. in the Virginia Beach Circuit Court, Courtroom 8. The Liberty Bell Award is presented annually by the Virginia Beach Bar Association recognizing the outstanding community service of a non-lawyer who has contributed to our legal system.

■ The radio program "Hearsay" with Kathy Lewis on WHRV's 89.5 will focus on Law Day from noon until 1 p.m. on Friday, April 30. Guests on the program will be local attorneys who will answer callers' questions on legal issues involving traffic law, criminal law, personal injury law, juvenile and domestic relations law, tax law and real estate law.

■ The Virginia Beach Bar Association will sponsor an "Ask a Lawyer" booth at Lynnhaven Mall. Local lawyers will answer questions from 1 to 5 p.m. on Monday, May 3 without charge. The booth will be located in the Dillard court area of Lynnhaven Mall.

■ On Monday, May 3, Virginia Beach attorneys will conduct special school programs for Virginia Beach high school seniors on legal issues involving high school students.

For further information, or to schedule an interview regarding Law Day 1999, contact David Cardon at Clark and Stant, P.C., 473-5378.

Multicultural extravaganza benefits city rescue squads

A multicultural benefit extravaganza will raise funds for the volunteer rescue squads of Virginia Beach on Sunday from 3 to 9 p.m. at St. Nicholas Community Center, 621 First Colonial Rd.

Argus Communications, an advertising and desktop publishing company specializing in multicultural relations, is teaming up with Angelo's Restaurant and Banquets Unlimited and Variety Tunes and Entertainment to present a fun-filled extravaganza including Middle Eastern dancing (belly dancing) by the Desert Wind Dance Company, Flamenco exhibition by the renowned professional performer Gloria de Jerez, Filipino Folk Dancing by the Filipino-American Veterans Dance Ensemble and step dancing exhibition by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority - Rho Nu Chapter.

There will also be a "jaws of life" demonstration by the Department of Emergency Medical Services.

Angel Morales, president of Multicultural Alliance of Virginia, will be the guest speaker.

A ticket includes food, music, dancing, exhibits, demonstrations, door prizes, kids' activities and much more. Tickets are $15 for 13 and up, $20 at the door, $10 for students (must show proof of ID); $5 for children 6 to 12 years; children 5 years and under are free.

Tickets may be purchased by calling 340-5523 or by visiting the Department of EMS office, 1917 Arctic Avenue at the oceanfront, and the Filipino American Student Cultural Center at Old Dominion University.

For more information contact Argus Communications, 340-5523.

Tune in for spiritual healing

"Spiritual Climbing," a 30-minute special taped before a live studio audience, airs on Sunday at 6 a.m. and again at noon on WAVY-TV. It features spiritual healer and teacher, LaMeice Harding, who speaks with conviction on how one can achieve healing by spiritual means alone through a clearer understanding of God.

"It's not enough to talk about spirituality, the need is to understand what spirituality means and how to make it practical in our everyday lives," says Harding.

Photos by Kerry Barboza

MOTO MADNESS. The sand flew at the Virginia Beach oceanfront last weekend.

Sand flies at moto 'madness'

By Kerry Barboza
Intern

One of the fastest growing extreme motor sports in the United States made a pit stop in Virginia Beach this weekend.

Moto Cross and ATV racers hit the beach and raced against each other in the sand near 5th street.

Two-hundred-ninety professional, novice and amateur riders signed up to race in 36 different classes, according to Joe Williams, president of JMX racing, promoter of the event.

"The classes are based on age, rider ability and bike size," said Williams.

Trophies were awarded to the top five finishers in Moto Cross, while cash prizes were awarded in the ATV categories.

Virginia Beach's public relations firm BeachEvents conceived the idea of having the races on the beach, according to Danielle Batdorf, an employee of BeachEvents. "We had so much success with the monster truck event last fall that we wanted to try and have another motor event on the beach, but this time in the spring," said Batdorf.

"We bounced around a couple of ideas and decided on Moto Cross, then we called with Joe Williams," she said. "We're pleased with the turn out."

Williams has been involved with Moto Cross for 25 years, 15 years as a racer and 10 years as a promoter. He decided to take his love for the sport and make a living at it.

Today he promotes about 40 races a year, but this is the first time he's designed a course on the beach.

"I've held races in the sand, but never on a beach," he said.

Bubba Bernhardt drove from Richmond with his wife and his two sons.

"I love racing, but I don't care too much for racing on the beach," he said. "The engines are air cooled and no air gets to the engine to cool them off. I've never had this problem on dirt tracks."

Bernhardt placed third in his race while his son, Tripp, 13, placed second in the 80 cc category, and Matt, 9, placed third in the 60 cc category respectively.

But Bernhardt isn't too interested in results as much as he is in his family having fun.

"This gives the kids something to look forward to," he said. "It's a family thing, we all travel together and we meet a lot of nice people."

Bernhardt said he and his family travel to about two races a month.

"There are 34 races on the schedule and we try to make about 20 a year," he said. "Every time we go out it sets me back about $250, and that's if nothing breaks. I'm lucky to have sponsors," he said.

Cathryn Bernhardt said she doesn't worry about the safety of her sons when they race.

"The equipment they wear makes it safe and they've been properly trained to ride. They've been hurt worse playing baseball," she said. "I let them ride because it challenges my sons physically and mentally."

Earl Buttner II agrees.

He drove 250 from West Virginia with his 14-year-old son Earl Buttner III to enter him in the race.

"He used to stay inside and play video games all the time, then a kid in the neighborhood got a bike and my son took an interest," he said. "I bought him a small bike to get him outside and away from the house."

The son placed first in his category even though this was his first race. "He was a little nervous at first, but now he's just out there having fun," said Buttner.

Fun is what it's all about according to Williams.

"It's fun for the kids because it teaches them responsibility, discipline and organizational skills," he said.

REV YOUR ENGINES. Racers line up for the moto cross event to get under way.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

The annual return of the American Environment Foundation is available for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen requesting it within 180 days of this date. Inspection may be made at 2316 Spindrift Road, Virginia Beach, Va. Call V.J. Davis at 757-481-1495.

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
6112 Tradewinds Court
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Neal W. Pinkerman and Lynn M. Pinkerman dated February 23, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3589, page 1057, securing a loan which was originally $87,300.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on May 14, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 19, in Block K, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Plat of Level Green Subdivision, Site One, Part Three." Tax Map #1456-31-3250-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of $84,100.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.

NP994872
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
750 Miller Drive, Suite C2
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 12, 1999 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

1. An Ordinance upon Application of 3 Mac Associates, L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural Districts to Conditional R-20 Residential District on certain property located on the east side of Seaboard Road at the intersection with Bernadotte Street. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional R-20 is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 20,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan designates this parcel as being in the Transition Area and recommends use of this parcel for appropriate growth opportunities, consistent with the economic vitality policies of Virginia Beach. Said parcel contains 19.1 acres more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Turner & Associates Realty, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-15 Residential District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southwest corner of Elbow Road and Indian River Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential densities at or below 3.5 dwelling units per acre that are compatible with single-family in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 10.923 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Turner & Associates Realty, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station (gas pumps) in conjunction with a convenience store on certain property located at the southwest corner of Elbow Road and Indian River Road. Said parcel contains 1.17 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

4. An Ordinance upon Application of John S. Waller for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Residential District to Conditional I-1 Light Industrial District on certain property located on the north side of Robert Jackson Drive beginning at a point 260 feet more or less east of Gimbert Drive. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional I-1 is for light industrial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential densities at or below 3.5 dwelling units per acre that are compatible with single-family in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contain 7.085 acres. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

5. An Ordinance upon Application of CH Partners, L.P., for a Conditional Use Permit for an open space promotion on certain property located on the south side of Indian River Road, east of Hillcrest Farms Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 3889 Indian River Road and contains 99.62 acres. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Beach Auto Group, Inc., T/A Atlantic Truck Center, for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle rentals on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, east of Highway Lane. Said parcel is located at 1752 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 38,500 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

7. An Ordinance upon Application of London Bridge Baptist Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church addition on the north side of Potters Road, west of London Bridge Road. Said parcel is located at 2460 Potters Road and contains 24.435 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

8. An Ordinance upon Application of Shahram Ahmadi for a Conditional Use Permit for car sales and service on the south side of Laskin Road, east of Maxey Drive. Said parcel is located at 1925 Laskin Road and contains 1.0331 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Herman Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a recreational facility of an outdoor nature on certain property located on the west side of Atlantic Avenue, south of 3rd Street. Said parcel is located at 108 Atlantic Avenue and contains 1.604 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

10. An Ordinance upon Application of Westminster-Canterbury of Hampton Roads, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for satellite parking on Lot C-I, Parcel C, Bayville Farms. Property is located on the south side of Shore Drive, 258.17 feet east of First Court Road and contains 3.4 acres. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

11. An Ordinance upon Application of MRP Design Group for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station in conjunction with a convenience store and an automobile repair shop (auto detailing) at the northeast corner of Holland Road and Lynnhaven Parkway. Said parcel is located at 3282 Holland Road and contains 1.853 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

12. An Ordinance upon Application of Dignity Funeral Services, Inc./dba Altmeyer Funeral Homes for a Conditional Use Permit a crematory addition on the north side of Greenwich Road, east of Newtown Road. Said parcel is located at 5792 Greenwich Road and contains 1.12 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

13. An Ordinance upon Application of Virginia Beach School Board for a Conditional Use Permit for a communication tower on certain property located on the east side of Mill Dam Road, south of Indian Run Drive. Said parcel is located at 1272 Mill Dam Road and contains 27.59 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

STREET CLOSURE:

14. Application of ARAI SEISAKUSHO COMPANY, LTD., for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of the cul-de-sac at the northeast terminus of Bayside Road. Said parcel contains 3673 square feet. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

15. Application of Kopassis Construction, Inc., a Virginia Corporation for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of an unimproved portion of Mill Dam Road located at the northwest corner of Mill Dam Road and Shoveller Avenue. Said parcel contains 1,947 square feet. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

AMENDMENT:

16. An Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 104 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to violations and penalties.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

17. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Robert Steinhilber. Property is located on the east side of Blackwater Road north of the intersection with Indian Creek Road. Parcel is located at 5924 Blackwater Road. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 3/10/99:

18. An Ordinance upon Application of Robert Steinhilber for a Conditional Use Permit for an alternative residential development on the east side of Blackwater Road, north of the intersection with Indian Creek Road. Said parcel is located at 5924 Blackwater Road and contains 82.202 acres more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 1/13/99:

19. An Ordinance to amend Sections 236, 901, 1501, 1511 and 1521 of the City Zoning Ordinance, requiring conditional use permits for certain types of passenger vessels in the B-2, B-4, RT-1, RT-2 and RT-3 Zoning Districts and increasing vehicular parking requirements for commercial marinas where certain types of passenger vehicles are moored.

REFERRED BACK TO PLANNING COMMISSION BY CITY COUNCIL ON 3/23/99:

20. An Ordinance upon Application of Princess House, L.L.C., for a Conditional Use Permit for housing for the aged on certain property on the east side of Princess Anne Road, 180 feet north of Baxter Road. Said parcel contains 5.014 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 4/14/99:

21. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Beco Building Associates, a Virginia general partnership. Property is located on the north side of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 800 feet more or less west of Seaboard Road. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

22. An Ordinance upon Application of Beco Building Associates, a Virginia general partnership, for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-I and AG-2 Agricultural Districts and R-20 Residential District to Conditional R-10 Residential District on certain property located on the north side of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 800 feet more or less west of Seaboard Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional R-10 is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 10,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/low density at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said property contains 101.5 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

23. An Ordinance upon Application of Enchanted Forest Nursery and Tree Farm L.L.C., for a Conditional Use Permit for bulk storage and sales on certain property located on the south side of Indian Creek Road beginning at a point 1000 feet more or less east of Crags Causeway. Said parcel contains 31.897 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

24. An Ordinance upon application of the City of Virginia Beach (motion of the Planning Commission) to amend Section 1510 of the City Zoning Ordinance to redesignate the general areas in which the RT-2 Resort Tourist District is located. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection at the Department of Planning.

25. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach (motion of the Planning Commission) to amend the official zoning map by changing the zoning district classification of all parcels of land within the RT-3 Resort Tourist District east of Pacific Avenue, west of Atlantic Avenue, south of 40th Street and north of 4th Street to the RT-2 Resort Tourist District zoning district classification. The RT-2 Resort Tourist District is intended to provide areas for resort hotels and appropriate mixtures of other complementary uses. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection at the Department of Planning. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Robert J. Scott
Planning Director

Copies of the proposed ordinances, resolutions and amendments are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning. For information call 427-4621.

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303. Hearing impaired, call: TDD only at 427-4305. (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
649 S. Atlantic Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Walter E. Burke dated February 25, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3710, page 2090, securing a loan which was originally $46,800.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on May 14, 1999 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 21, in Block 19, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Croatan Beach." Tax Map #2426 38 6969 0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of $14,100.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: CONV.

NP994474
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
750 Miller Drive, Suite C2
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess

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Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, May 11, 1999 at 2:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

1. An Ordinance upon Application of bg Construction Corp., a Virginia corporation for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 & AG-2 Agricultural Districts to Conditional R-10 Residential District with Historic and Cultural District Overlay on certain property located at the northeast corner of Holland Road and Princess Anne Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional R-10 is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 10,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/low density at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan polices. Said parcel contains 16.52 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Baymark Construction Corporation for Changes of Zoning District Classification on the following parcels:

Parcel 1: AG-1 Agricultural District to Conditional AG-1 Agricultural District with a PD-H1 Planned Unit Development District Overlay on property located 600 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 7600 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 2: AG-1 Agricultural District to Conditional AG-1 Agricultural District with a PD-H1 Planned Unit Development District Overlay on property located 3400 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 3300 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 3: AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional AG-2 Agricultural District with a PD-H1 Planned Unit Development District Overlay on property located 2550 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 4850 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 4: AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional AG-2 Agricultural District with a PD-H1 Planned Unit Development District Overlay on property located 3050 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 3650 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 5: AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional AG-2 Agricultural District with a PD-H1 Planned Unit Development District Overlay on property located 2500 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 2550 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 6: R-40 Residential District to Conditional R-40 Residential District with a PD-H1 Planned Unit Development District Overlay on property located on the north side of Indian River Road beginning at a point 5200 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 7: R-20 Residential District to Conditional R-20 Residential District with a PD-H1 Planned Unit Development District overlay on property located on the north side of Indian River Road beginning at a point 5600 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 8: AG-1 Agricultural District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 2850 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 4750 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 9: AG-1 Agricultural District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 3400 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 3750 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 10: AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 2730 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 4800 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 11: AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 2300 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 3200 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 12: AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 4050 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 1520 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 13: AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 2050 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 2150 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 14: R-20 Residential District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 1850 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 5000 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 15: R-20 Residential District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 600 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 3650 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 16: R-40 Residential District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 550 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 3750 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

The proposed zoning classification changes to Conditional PD-H1 and Conditional P-1 are for mixed land use. The Comprehensive Plan designates this site as being in the Transition area. The Transition area for this parcel is planned for appropriate growth opportunities consistent with the economic vitality policies of Virginia Beach. Said parcels contains 419.8 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Baymark Construction Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit for a golf course on certain property located on the west side of West Neck Road beginning at a point 4630 feet more or less south of North Landing Road. Said parcel contains 112.585 acres.? DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Robert G. & Donna S. Brewer for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional B-1A Limited Community Business District on certain property located 470 feet more or less north of N. Landing Road, beginning at a point 550 feet more or less east of George Mason Drive. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-1A is for low intensity commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan designates this parcel as being in the Transition Area. This area is planned for appropriate growth opportunities, consistent with the economic vitality policies of Virginia Beach in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 3.9 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Robert G. & Donna S. Brewer for a Conditional Use Permit for a self-storage facility on certain property located 470 feet more or less north of N. Landing Road, beginning at a point 550 feet more or less east of George Mason Drive. Said parcel contains 3.9 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Ali Hambaz for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station in conjunction with a convenience store and a car wash on the east side of S. Independence Boulevard, south of South Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 360 and 368 S. Independence Boulevard and contains 2.2 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE

AMENDMENTS:

7. An Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 8.1 of the Subdivision Regulations of the City Code by increasing fees charged for subdivision plat review.

8. An Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 3.2 of the Site Plan Ordinance of the City Code by increasing the fees charged for site development plan review.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
312 Harrier Street
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Grimaldi Murphy and Sofia Murphy dated April 9, 1986 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 2495, page 2167, securing a loan which was originally $57,750.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on May 14, 1999 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 1, Block B, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Northridge, Section 3." Tax Map #1467-76-1963-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of $5,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP994629

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
750 Miller Drive, Suite C2
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
4729 Overman Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Arthur E. Frye, Jr. and Clarissa K. Frye dated August 31, 1994 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3429, page 2173, securing a loan which was originally $77,400.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on May 5, 1999 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 6, in Block 25 as shown on a plat entitled "Subdivision of Aragona Village, Section 6." Tax Map #1478 34 5018 0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of $7,500.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP994691

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
750 Miller Drive, Suite C2
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

Virginia:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

Commonwealth of Virginia,
Plaintiff v.

$320.00 United States Currency (James D. Berry) CL97-002749;

1997 Dodge Van, VIN#: B11AB7X231579, LIC#: ZMP-2315, (Terry Cofer), CL98-001871;

$1,300.00 United States Currency (Emmett Reid Linwood), CL95-000546;

$509.00 United States Currency (Jamie J. Poole), (Cyrus G. Robinson), (Wynnette J. Chatman), (Benjamin Schubert), CL97-002798;

$400.00 United States Currency, (Christopher Clay Siegel), (Holly Marion Wilson), CL99-105;

$1450.00 United States Currency, (John B. Taylor), (William Stimpson), CL97-3384;

$530.00 United States Currency, (James Carter Walker), (Sabrina Walker), CL98-001555;

$3,177.00 United States Currency, (Donnell S. Wiggins), (Sherrita R. George), (Anthony Cameron), CL98-002403; Defendants.

Order of Publication And Affidavit

THIS DAY CAME the Attorney for the Commonwealth and moved this Honorable Court to forfeit to the Commonwealth of Virginia the above referenced items that were seized between January 5, 1995 and December 17, 1998.

An information was made, signed and filed with the Circuit Court clerk's Office on each of the above matters. Said information stated the owner(s) of the property and the last known address(es) of the owner(s) at the time the Information was filed.

It appearing that the whereabouts of the owners is currently unknown, and that a registered letter has been mailed to their last known addresses, it is hereby ORDERED, that all parties appear on or before July 21, 1999, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said property, including but not limited to filing a written Answer under oath, and setting the matter for trial on another date.

It is further ORDERED that pursuant to Section 19.2-386.3(B) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach.

Certified to be a TRUE COPY of record in my custody J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, VA.
By: B. Murden, Deputy Clerk

ENTER this 6th day of April, 1999.

Alan E. Rosenblatt, Judge

I ask for this:
ROBERT J. HUMPHREYS
COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY
By Mary Gessler
Mary Y. Gessler
Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney
Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney
2305 Judicial Boulevard
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456-9050

I, Mary Y. Gessler, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, after having first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

That pursuant to Section 8.01-316 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the above listed parties.

Mary Gessler, Affiant

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, to-wit:

I, Sharon Elizabeth Hunter, a Notary Public in and for the City and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing Affidavit of Mary Y. Gessler, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, was sworn to and subscribed to before me this 5th day of April, 1999.

Sharon E. Hunter
Notary Public
My Commission Expires May 31, 1999.

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
1787 Upper Chelsea Reach,
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454

Under and by virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned Substitute Trustee, pursuant to the Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee and under the certain Deed of Trust from ARTHUR W. ESTES, dated February 9, 1995 and recorded February 15, 1995 in Book 3474, Page 2043, among the Land Records of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS ($137,000.00), the holder of the Deed of Trust Note evidencing the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust having declared an event of default and having instructed the undersigned Substitute Trustee to proceed with this sale, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will on Thursday, April 29, 1999 at 10:30 a.m., in front of the Courthouse of the Circuit Court for the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia located at 2305 Judicial Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456, sell that certain property situated, lying and being in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia and more particularly described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, AND BEING KNOWN, NUMBERED AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 27, ON THE PLAT ENTITLED CHELSEA, LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH, CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA IN MAP BOOK 96, PAGE 5.

The property will be sold "as is" without representation or warranty of any kind as to the condition of any improvements upon the property, and subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, rights-of-way and easements, if any, contained in the deeds forming the chain of title to the property. The sale is further subject to liens, including mechanic's and materialmen's liens of record and not of record, if such liens exist. The Substitute Trustee makes no representations concerning status of title, liens, whether now recorded or not, leases, occupancy, zoning, physical or environmental conditions, access and/or availability of utilities. The Substitute Trustee makes no statement or representations regarding the accuracy, priority, completeness or effect of any title or lien matters.

A bidder's deposit of $14,000.00 in the form of cash or certified or cashier's check will be required at the time of sale, with balance due at settlement, which shall be held on or before thirty (30) days from the date of sale at the office of the Substitute Trustee unless said period is extended by the Substitute Trustee, his successors or assigns for good cause shown. Time shall be of the essence with respect to settlement. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash or its equivalent and shall accrue interest at the rate of 10.79% per annum from the date of sale to the date of settlement. In the event that the purchaser fails to go to settlement as required, the entire deposit may be forfeited and the property will be resold by the Substitute Trustee at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. In lieu of forfeiting the deposit, the Substitute Trustee may avail himself of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser. Real estate taxes shall be adjusted as of the date of sale. All costs of the conveyance, which shall be by special warranty, examination of title, recording charges, notary fees, settlement fees, including preparation of deed and grantor's tax thereon, etc., will be at the cost of the purchaser. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to extend the period of time within which the purchaser is to make full settlement; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to the termination of the bidding; (iv) to keep the bidding open for any length of time: (v) to reject all bids; and (vi) to postpone or set over the date of sale. In the event the Substitute Trustee deems it best for any reason at the time of the sale to postpone or continue this sale from time to time, such notices of postponement or setting over will be in a manner deemed reasonable by the Substitute Trustee. If for any reason the Substitute Trustee cannot or does not comply with the terms of sale, or for any reason cannot or do not complete the terms of the sale, the purchaser's remedy shall be limited to the return of any deposit placed with the Substitute Trustee. The Substitute Trustee does not assume any obligation to deliver possession of the property. Additional terms of sale shall be announced at the time of sale and shall be contained in a memorandum of sale which the successful bidder shall be required to sign. Written notice of the Trustee's Sale was given to the present owner of the property described herein by certified mail to their last know address as such owner address appears on the records of the noteholder, as required by Section 55-59.1 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

JOHN TARLEY, JR., Substitute Trustee

For Information, Contact:
JOHN J. MATTEO, ESQ.
JACKSON & CAMPBELL, P.C.
1120 20th Street
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 457-1600
Attorney for Noteholder

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF FEE INCREASES

On Tuesday, May 11, 1999, at 2:00 p.m., the Virginia Beach City Council will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING regarding:

1) "An ordinance to Amend and Reordain the Subdivision Regulations of the City Code By Increasing the Fees Charged for Subdivision Plat Review Pursuant to Section 8.1 of the Subdivision Regulations from Residential (over 5 lots), Preliminary, $734 plus $5 per lot after the first 5 lots; Final, $367 plus $5 per lot after the first 5 lots; Residential (3-5 lots), $525 plus $104 per lot; Residential (2 lots), $209; Nonresidential, Preliminary, $732 plus $32 per lot; Final, $360 plus $35 per lot; Construction Plans, $157 plus $53 per 100 linear feet of roadway; Revisions, $105 per sheet; Resubdivision, Residential, $52, and Nonresidential, $209, to: Residential (over 5 lots), Preliminary, $990 plus $6 per lot after the first 5 lots; Final, $495 plus $6 per lot after the first 5 lots; Residential (3-5 lots), $700 plus $140 per lot; Residential (2 lots), $280; Nonresidential, Preliminary, $985 plus $42 per lot; Final, $485 plus $45 per lot; Construction Plans, $210 plus $70 per 100 linear feet of roadway; Revisions, $140 per sheet; and Resubdivision, Residential, $70, and Nonresidential, $280."

The Authority for enactment of the proposed revisions is found in Section 15.2-2241(9), 1102, 1125 of the Code of Virginia and Section 2.02 (e) of the City Charter.

2) "An Ordinance to Amend and Reordain the Site Plan Ordinance of the City Code by Increasing the Fees Charged for Site Plan Review Pursuant to Section 3.2 A.2 of the Site Plan Ordinance from Residential, $629 plus $20 per unit after the first 5 units; Nonresidential, $837 plus $63 per acre; Duplex, $418; CBPA Single family, $209; and CBPA abbreviated review, $100, to: Residential $845 plus $25 per unit after the first 5 units; Nonresidential, $1130 plus $85 per acre; Duplex, $560; CBPA Single family, $280; and CBPA abbreviated review, $135."

The authority for enactment of the proposed increase is found in Section 15.2-2286(6), 1102, 1125 of the Code of Virginia and Section 2.02(e) of the City Charter.

A copy of the complete ordinances, and information concerning the documentation and justification for the proposed increases, are available in the Office of the City Clerk. All interested persons are invited to attend.

RUTH HODGES SMITH, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf)

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
5920 Buckminister Lane
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Larry A. Simms dated November 7, 1978 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 1841, page 424, securing a loan which was originally $42,200.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on May 5, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 54, on that plat entitled "Subdivision of Wesleyan Forest." Tax Map #1468-02-5283-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of $2,800.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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NP994765

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Enjoy the outdoors longer

Most lawn and garden enthusiasts love to be outdoors. Unfortunately, too much exposure to the elements, especially the sun, can be dangerous. However, there are new products available that allow people to spend a lot more time outside.

These products are usually fabrics that can be used to create shade just about anywhere, from patios and porches to children's play areas and pet shelters.

One of the most common uses for the innovative shade cloth is to create a shaded, private area around decks, balcony patios or pools. Instead of building screened-in porches, many homeowners are starting to choose a shade cloth to close in areas.

This multipurpose fabric can cool the areas it closes in by as much as 15 degrees, and it's easy to use even for those who aren't do-it-yourself types.

Some fabrics, like Easy Gardener's Shade Fabric, not only provide ample shade, but also block harmful UV rays. Shade Fabric allows consumers to enjoy the outdoors without suffering from overexposure to the sun or heat exhaustion.

Those who use the product rave not only about the sun protection, but the privacy it provides and the protection from other elements, like wind.

This fabric is made with lockstitch construction, a method of knitting that creates a finished look and provides greater resistance to tearing or fraying. The attractive fabric comes in a variety of colors and is extremely easy to maintain. To clean it, all people need to do is hose it down. Even in extremely wet conditions, the cloth deters mildew, because it is made with breathable material.

People love the versatility of Shade Fabric and have come up with endless ways to use it around the house. They use it as window awnings, over air-conditioning units, over pet houses, over swing sets and more. Several homeowners even have replaced their window screens with it and have found by doing so that they've been able to decrease their utility bills.

The product is already popular in those climates that experience extreme heat. However, people in the North and Midwest have found their own way to get the most out of shade cloth. They've started using it to place over plants, instead of burlap.

Found at most local garden centers, Shade Fabric is easy to use and comes with step-by-step instructions. The fabric can be applied to any type of frame and cut and shaped to any size.

Best way to clean carpet

By Veronica Steers

How often does your carpet need cleaning? It depends. Is it located in an entrance way or another heavy traffic area? Does it have a protective finish to help guard against soil and stains?

Carpets treated with a finish such as Scotchgard Stain Release carpet protector will not require cleaning as often as untreated carpets. But some experts suggest residential styles be cleaned at least once a year.

How do you know when it's time to clean your carpet? This depends on the color and the amount of traffic. Your eye is generally the best judge. You should clean your carpet, however, before it stops responding to daily vacuuming.

You can either have the carpet professionally cleaned or do it yourself with steam cleaning equipment. Professional extraction, better known as "steam cleaning," is reputedly the best cleaning method because it leaves the least amount of detergent residue.

Steam Clean

If you clean the carpet yourself, use steam cleaning equipment rather than a detergent or shampoo, which leaves a soap residue that can interfere with protective finishes already on the carpet. Whichever method you choose, remember some key points:

■ Before cleaning, place foil or plastic pads under furniture legs to avoid staining or rust spotting while the carpet is still damp.

■ After-cleaning stain and soil resist treatments are available, but check before using them to be sure you won't void the manufacturer's warranty.

■ Some carpet cleaning services attempt to sell you "reapplications" of protective treatments, such as silicone sprays. These treatments demonstrate excellent repellency characteristics, but may cancel out existing soil and stain protection and void the manufacturer's warranty. Always choose a branded protector you can trust.

Veronica Steers is a carpet care and styling consultant based in New York City.

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Pedal pushers

The Tidewater Bicycle Association will sponsor the 23rd Knotts Island Century on Sunday, June 13 in Chesapeake. Choose from three rides on Virginia and North Carolina country roads: a Century (100 miles) which includes the Knotts Island ferry, a Metric (66 miles), or a half-metric (34 miles). Registration includes: T-shirts for early registrants, SAG support, cuesheets, rest stops and post-ride cookout. Helmets are required. Call 497-5341 for more information.

Artful studies

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia has started registration for its late spring/summer semester. Students may choose from a variety of studio art classes in a variety of media, including beginning and figure drawing; illustration and building a portfolio; watercolor, oil and acrylic painting, including a traditional realism oil painting class; ceramics, including Raku; 35mm and black-and-white and photography and more.

Workshops this semester include glass mosaics, painted floor cloths and contemporary stamping. The center will also feature a variety of glass making and blowing workshops to go in conjunction with "Dale Chihuly: Installations" exhibition.

To request a complete schedule call the CAC education department, 425-0000.

Auto auction

The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center will hold a used car auction at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday behind the center's main thrift store, 5524 Virginia Beach Blvd. Registration will open at 8 a.m. A $2 admission fee is required for anyone entering the auction area.

Approximately 130 used cars and boats are scheduled to be auctioned. All proceeds benefit The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center, an in-house work rehabilitation program for men addressing issues related to alcohol and drug addiction.

Bird Day

Visitors to Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge are invited to help celebrate International Migratory Bird Day on Saturday, May 8. The public can take advantage of wildlife viewing opportunities along the beachfront and recently opened west dike trail. Examples of species that may be seen this time of year include: magnolia warbler, black and white warblers, common yellow throats, yellow breasted chats and blue grosbeaks.

Those visiting on that day may stop by the Visitor Contact Station to receive a free multicolored commemorative International Migratory Bird Day poster. Quantities are limited to one poster per family or group and only 100 are available for distribution.

Binoculars, hiking boots, drinking water and a birding field guide are recommended equipment items.

Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge is located in the Sandbridge area of southern Virginia Beach. The refuge is opened from dawn to dusk and an entrance fee is required. For further information call the refuge, 721-2412.

Dino-might fun!

The Virginia Marine Science Museum continues its Fishy Fun for Preschoolers program this spring. "Dino-Might! will be held on Wednesday, May 5 from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the museum's main building. Designed for children ages 3 to 5, the program will focus on dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures. Children will create dinosaur crafts, play dinosaur games and have a dino-might experience.

Cost of the event is $5 for museum members and $7 for non-members. Parents are requested to attend (no charge for adults). Call 437-6007 for more information and registration.

Sierra Club meets

The next meeting of the Sierra Club will be on Monday, May 3 at the Virginia Beach Central Library at 7 p.m. The program will feature backpacking. Call 483-1562.

Trail of Hope

The Sierra Club will hold a Trail of Hope day of hiking, music and dance at the Mattaponi American Indian Reservation on Saturday, May 15. Meet at the Virginia Beach Central Library to carpool at 8 a.m. or go directly to the campsite at 9 a.m. Sponsored by the Mattaponi Heritage Foundation, this will be a symbolic Journey of Hope and Awareness dedicated to protecting the land, waters and people of the Mattaponi River. Call Maureen Littlepath, 721-0452, for more information.

Beach votes on transit merger Tuesday; Chesapeake says no

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

As City Council prepared to vote next Tuesday on the merger of The Peninsula Transportation District Commission (Pentran) and the Tidewater Transportation District Commission (TRT) next Tuesday, the Chesapeake City Council dealt the merger its first real blow.

Tuesday night by a tie vote, that council defeated a resolution which would have authorized the merger. Chesapeake Councilman Gene Waters said Tuesday that he had already asked for a reconsideration of the vote at the next council meeting on May 11.

So far the cities of Suffolk, Norfolk and Portsmouth have approved the merger. Votes by Hampton and Newport News councils are scheduled for next week.

At a Virginia Beach workshop Tuesday, Leslie L. Lilley, city attorney presented a change to a provision in the cost allocation agreement, which he said, "Is your Bible."

He explained that it can't be changed without coming back to council.

The current provision is that dedicated revenues such as a tax on gasoline would be allocated by the new organization, the Hampton Roads Transportation District Commission (HRTDC), the proposed provision would have dedicated revenues (no source such as the gas tax, is indicated) generated in each participating city shall be allocated to that participating city unless the governing body authorizes an alternative allocation.

Councilman Louis R. Jones said that according to the proposal, the transit commission can make decisions without the approval of the respective councils.

Lilley said that the commission has a great authority to bind council. Be sure you are informed of what is going on and make your views known.

Vice Mayor William D. Sessoms Jr., who represents council, with councilman Don Weeks, on the TRT commission, said that guidance has to be given to the commission. He said that the TRT has managed well for many years, rather successfully.

Councilwoman Barbara Henley said that up to this point transit issues have been moderate. She said that often at commission meetings, as much as she tried to find out, items were added that were not on the agenda and the commissioner may vote without the benefit of council guidance.

She said that once the entity gets established with a 15-member commission — to be expanded to 17 members with General Assembly representation — even with a two-thirds majority required in some instances, Virginia Beach can vote against a change and the change will still come about.

Lilley then said, "The cost allocation agreement is your Bible — it can't be changed without coming back to council." The city will still have control of funding because a city cannot be made to fund things it doesn't want. "You have to keep an eye on what the individual commissioner can do."

Dale Castellow, transit planner in the Planning Department, said that in northern Virginia, they have the same battles, the same contracts and the same issues. The cost allocation agreement there is similar. Under the dedicated revenue provision, he said, the commission there does as it sees fit. The Chesapeake staff had recommended approving the merger while reserving the ability to consider the change proposed by Virginia Beach.

Taxes other than a gas tax have been mentioned as revenue generators. That's why, city manager James K. Spore said, the city asked for a dedicated tax without specifying as.

Race at Base revs vintage car engines

Photo by Matthew Shanley

REVVING HIS ENGINE. Chris Gross of Long Island, New York checks out his 1960 Austin Healey during Race at the Base over the weekend.

Inaugural event draws buffs from near, far to NAS Oceana

By Matthew Shanley
Correspondent

Names like Jaguar, Austin Healey, Morgan and Elva have sparked the imagination of classic car lovers for decades.

Aficionados got a chance to view their favorites in a unique setting in the inaugural Race at the Base over the weekend.

The concrete surface of the Naval Air Station Oceana airstrip was transformed into a 2.5-mile, 10-turn race track as the newest leg on the Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SRVA) circuit. Five divisions of vehicles dating from the 1940s to 1972 competed in a series of 10-lap races.

When they weren't on the track, drivers and mechanics from as far away as New York and Georgia milled about the pit area talking to spectators.

Including Doug Compton and Don MacDonald of Syracuse, N.Y. Compton runs Allied Hospital Services, the company that moved supplies and equipment from the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth to neighboring Charette Health Care Center recently.

The two have been in the area for two months, and the Race at the Base was a perfect diversion.

"Working all the time, you're looking for things to do," Compton said. "We really enjoyed looking at some of these cars."

The social nature of the event is what made Race at the Base so special, said Chuck Botwright, general manager of race sponsor Abacus Racing of Virginia Beach, whose team brought five cars to Oceana.

"For the people who don't get a chance to participate, it's quite a treat to wander through the paddock and talk to the drivers and crews," said the Virginia Beach resident, who took to the track in a 1958 Elva Courier.

"At a lot of races, you aren't able to get right up next to the cars."

Access isn't the only reason why the SVRA is so different from the most popular spectator sport in the U.S., stock car racing. Vintage drivers race

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Committee recommends planning for aging infrastructure maintenance

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

Virginia Beach's infrastructure may be needing a facelift, but the urgency isn't so great as it is in other cities.

Clarence Warnstaff, acting director of Public Works, presenting a report of the Committee on Aging Infrastructure, told City Council at a workshop Tuesday, that while a plan is recommended to keep infrastructure in top shop, Virginia Beach isn't as bad off as other cities. It is still a young city, he said, and has built quality infrastructure.

He said that Cincinnati, Ohio, a city smaller than Virginia Beach, has more than twice the need.

However, over 10 years, he said, the city has spent $33.8 million beyond what was reimbursed by VDOT for maintenance and repair, not counting VDOT projects.

Many of the older cities, he said are in a crisis situation.

The city's total current replacement value of its infrastructure is estimated at $5.38 billion. This includes 3,150 lane miles of road pavement, 2,355 miles of sidewalk, 2,753 miles of sewer and water lines, 83 schools and 204 public buildings.

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Youths take over City Hall for day

Event gives future leaders insight into local government

By Patrick Evans-Hylton
Correspondent

With the boundless exuberance that comes with youth, almost 100 Virginia Beach high school students stood ready last week to tackle the issues which come with running the city and School Board.

Student leaders in Virginia Beach Public Schools organized the takeover of city government and the school system's administrative offices in celebration of National Student Leadership Week. The Official for a Day event was sponsored by the city-wide Student Cooperative Association (SCA.) Student Leadership Week in Virginia Beach was also declared in a proclamation of support by Mayor Meyera Oberndorf.

Forty-seven departments and agencies and 97 high school students participated.

According to student leadership coordinator Diane Anderson, "Student leaders in our Virginia Beach public schools make valuable contributions to their schools and community. Not only do they provide significant learning experience for their fellow students, but they are involved in co-curricular programs that help shape the knowledge, skills, behavior, and attitudes of their peers."

"This is an activity we are proud to be a part of, and hopefully along the way we will serve as role models for the students," said School Superintendent Dr. Timothy R. Jenney..

"Public service is a challenge, but days like today will show students that it is a higher calling. Even if they don't become public servants themselves, maybe this day will get them involved and interested on some level."

It was a feeling City Manager Jim Spore shared as he addressed the students.

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Photo by Patrick Evans-Hylton

ON THE JOB. Virginia Beach City Clerk Ruth Hodges Smith, standing, discusses her responsibilities with Kempsville High School student Nicole Colloura, left, and Green Run High's Helen Roy during the 15th annual Official for a Day. Students from across Virginia Beach took over city and school administrative offices during National Student Leadership Week.

Commentary

ANOTHER SCHOOL SHOOTING

Where will it end?

The horrible news of the murders of 12 students and a teacher, plus the wounding of dozens more at a Colorado high school — at the hands of fellow students — has shocked the nation. Unfortunately this isn't the first time this has happened. Worse, it probably won't be the last. The copycat syndrome has made "going postal" at school increasingly more common. What's next? A death toll of 50? or maybe 100?

A dairy of one of the suspect's revealed a much worse scenario that actually unfolded. The plan was to leave the school, wreak havoc in homes along the way to the airport where they would hijack a plane and crash it in New York City.

Something is terribly wrong with the children who commit these crimes. They are typically described as low achievers with a chip on their shoulders. The latest shooters hated athletes, minorities and others who had "picked on" them. Once upon a time such losers were just considered 'nerds" and were soon forgotten. Now those people are taking their revenge — in blood.

It's not hard to understand these types, or how they could kill their peers and then themselves, in an orgy of suicidal frenzy. Just turn on MTV and wait for the latest Marilyn Manson video and watch it. There is no love, no respect, no dignity, no concern and no caring displayed anywhere in these videos. The message is 'life is black and getting blacker, so what's the use in living anyway? And when it comes down to the grand finale, score a high body count.'

This is no way for the youth of America to live, and to think it will go away is foolhardy. To paraphrase, "This is not your father's Alice Cooper." People like Manson (name sound familiar?) are bad news. Do not let him into your house. Of course, one demented rock star can't ruin a child by himself. But where there is smoke, there is fire.

Take a moment to talk to any teen-ager within reach. Get inside their heads. If the warning signs are there, find help. Schools are always a good place to start. It may seem ridiculous to think the next massacre could happen in Virginia Beach, Portsmouth or Chesapeake. But that is what Littleton's parents thought last Tuesday morning, too.

Don't forget to pray for the families of the victims. They are going to need it. — W.W.

THUMBS UP!

The volunteer spirit

They're the ones who give up their Saturdays to help paint the homes of someone they don't even know.

They're the ones who visit their children's school to help with mailings, projects, and bulletin boards.

They're the ones who would rather do something more productive with their time than watch television, so they lend a hand wherever needed.

They are volunteers and now is the time to recognize them.

With Paint Your Heart Out Hampton Roads wrapping up another successful year, Keep America Beautiful finishing a productive April and organizations all across the area pausing to recognize their volunteers, it's time to reflect on the outstanding achievements of these individuals.

Without their invaluable assistance, it's difficult to imagine what jobs might go unfilled.

Or what tasks would go undone.

Or how many children's lives would be untouched by an adult who gave time as a Big Brother or Big Sister.

Last week, National Volunteer Week, celebrated the contributions of more than 100 million Americans each year — pure volunteerism at its best.

Locally, there are dozens of organizations manned by men, women and even children that are laboring to make life better for their fellow citizens. There are organizations for myriad interests and concerns, whether the favorite cause is children, the elderly, education, the disabled, the homeless, veterans, even science and history.

Each person has some talent to give. All it takes is a call to VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads, 624-2400, to discover your special niche.

Then start making a difference. — V.E.H.

Fax us your letter to the editor today! 548-0390.

Making the case for light rail

Perspectives

By Eileen Huey, columnist

Anyone who has loved or traveled in Europe or Japan is struck by the advantages of rail, long lost in America. Efficient mass transit at affordable rates keeps those cultures out-and-about and communally bound in a way we have not known since the first half of this century. Rail not efficiently moves people to and from work, but to places of recreation, shopping, sight-seeing, entertainment and into their public squares.

But few of their trains are the clean, environmentally-friendly new light rail of the future. The Japanese have just perfected a train that runs above the track with no friction whatsoever, one that can travel as fast as 350 miles per hour.

At last our nation is waking up to the ground it has lost by chaining itself exclusively to polluting cars and their intendant need to asphalt over our green space. City after city is rushing to develop metro systems, not only to move people but to improve their environment and quality of life.

Make no mistake, light rail is the wave of the future. Regions who refuse to modernize will be left behind in the competition for prime businesses or other major employers.

Hampton Roads should not take for granted that the federal government will put up with its inability to move its personnel to and from its bases indefinitely. The entire Norfolk region is going to have to continuously compete with other eastern ports, and the ability to efficiently call up personnel is a decided requirement for all military installations.

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But even leaving aside the issue of future economic development, we Virginians should be concerned with the degradation to our environment total dependency on the automobile will impose on our region. How much green space are we willing to sacrifice to alleviate the interminable congestion?

And its not just roads that gobble up green space, think of the asphalt we lay for parking alone. Not that there is ever enough parking, no matter how much we concrete over our world. Add to that the carbon monoxide the rush hour traffic pours into our atmosphere. Of course, we could just stop growing — but then we would face recession, unemployment and a loss of prosperity.

Chesapeake has been given a golden opportunity to benefit from the vast federal funds foolishly turned down by the Beach. Those funds, which are part of the federal government's effort to modernize America's infrastructure for the 21st century, will not be available at some later date.

Under the current proposal the federal government would pay half the cost to construct a light rail system linking Chesapeake with Norfolk, Portsmouth and the Norfolk Naval Base, with the Commonwealth picking up another quarter. The remaining quarter is to be paid by the localities, meaning you and me.

Chesapeake has always been head-and-shoulders above other cities in Hampton Roads when it comes to investing in its future. That is one reason why our public schools are the best in the region and among the best in the state. And, quality of life is not some throw-away issue in Chesapeake — it's right at the top of the list.

Light rail would surely cost us all a few more cents at the gas tank or for some other widely-used service. But those pennies represent an investment in our future and the preservation of our quality of life. Personally, I think our children are worth it!

Capturing childhood's precious moments

Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

It's often said that youth is wasted on the young.

How often have you wished you were small enough again to crawl into Dad's lap to hear a story, or get Mom to kiss away a bad "boo boo?" Or go through high school again — only this time with the wisdom of age?

When times get tough and the world is closing in, I like to pull out my memories and flip through them.

I go back to a place that's safe, secure and carefree, where my only problem is keeping my room tidy and finishing all the peas on my supper plate. Oh woe, how I loathed peas.

Though I can't go back to the '70s and relive my youth, I can experience the past in my tiny son. I like to look at Mitch and think about the many adventures he'll experience in these coming years.

At just 6 months old, he's got so much ahead of him.

When Mitch was born in October, Evan and I looked down at this tiny being and began to figure out who would teach him what.

Evan, being a high school pitcher, will of course show Mitch how to throw a curveball and strike out batter after batter. I'll be in the stands cheering "Three up! Three down!" just like I did when his daddy was on the mound those many years ago.

As Mitch's mom, I envisioned spending lots of mother-son moments with him doing the ordinary-but-extraordinary things: baking his first batch of cookies, learning his colors, teaching him how to count, singing the ABCs.

POOR BUNNY. Mitch will love this picture one day, right?

And, yes, kissing away the many boo boos I know he'll get as a rough-and-tumble boy.

After Evan and I made our predictions of what we'd teach Mitchell, the family got into the act.

One grandfather made us promise Mitch's first fishing experience would be with him, a born fisherman. Mike even went so far as to buy the baby his first fishing rod — a tiny blue one just two feet long.

Already I have visions of my son sitting on a pier in overalls with rod in one hand, bologna sandwich in the other singing the Oscar Mayer theme song just like that little boy in the commercials from the '70s.

Another grandpa has visions of Mitchell being the next Tiger Woods. For Easter he presented the baby with his first set of clubs, tiny cart and all. This is perfect since Evan has already purchased our son several golfing outfits, insisting, "You're never too young for your first round, Vicky."

This same grandpa, Timp, also purchased Mitch his first book and promised they would enjoy many reading adventures together.

Evan's grandfather, Fosky, has dibs on taking Mitchell to his first circus and baseball game at Harbor Park.

He's going to be the basic All-American boy with All-American kid adventures.

Of course, being his mother I have first call on all those things that Mitch will look back on one day and go, "Aw, Mom, did you have to do that?"

Namely, I'm great for dressing up Mitch in outfits that I think are adorable and Evan thinks are corny.

He's already got little sailor outfits (we do live in the Norfolk, home of the world's largest naval base, after all). He's got a tiny baseball cap that says "Lil' Slugger" across the bill. At Easter I ordered him a snuggly outfit from Avon with a "bunny ears" hat included.

But, alas, they were out of stock of that particular outfit, so I had to settle for a soft terry outfit with a cute carrot-emblazoned cap. I thought Mitch looked adorable. A couple of other people, however, denounced the hat as "dorky."

Leave it to Mom to make her son look like a nerd.

If this is the case, I was in my glory on Easter day.

Mitchell had a sweet new suit and special shoes for the big day, but something was lacking — the bunny ears.

Luckily, I spied a pair of plush ones at the store. I thought he looked adorable, but pictures saw he felt otherwise. It was also the first time I placed Mitch in the grass for a "photo session." The results? One very upset little fellow with bunny ears and skin prickling from the grass.

Of course, before he's too big I'll have the full album of embarrassing baby pictures: Mitch in the bath, stretched out naked on a rug, covered in food from a sloppy dinner session.

And one day, when he's old enough to date and bring girls home, I'll pull out those pictures of my bouncing baby boy.

Youth may be wasted on the young, but we can live again through our children. The pictures are the proof!

School horror is indicative of larger problem

The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

Perhaps we will never know what prompted Columbine High School students Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold to kill 12 classmates and a teacher. Most of the media say that the murdered teens and adult were "gunned down," but the perpetrators also used hand grenades and other explosives.

It sounds better to the gun control crowd to say that they were "gunned down." It makes no difference what was used when 13 innocent people are dead. Instead of spending the time trying to trace the history of the weapons, it seems that the time could be better spent trying to find out why they did it.

Disintegration of the family and the decline of values could be the cause. The decline of the American family is indeed a major component of the death of conscience and the unprecedented rise of remorseless.

The impact of the loss of values can be seen in every area of our lives. One place where it recently became particularly visible is in sports.

The old way of letting athletic excellence and sportsmanship determine the outcome of sporting events has given way to the idea of altering the outcome of competition by criminally assaulting the athlete.

Bashing the leg of skater Nancy Kerrigan and stabbing tennis player Monica Seles are indicative of a larger problem. They were only preludes to the murder of the talented and popular Colombian soccer player Andres Escobar, who accidentally scored into his own goal in a stunning 1994 World Cup loss. Two weeks later, one of his countrymen fatally shot him 12 times shouting, "goal, goal" with each shot.

Sports psychologist Harvey Dueberg says, "Sports is a microcosm of society. It mirrors what's going on in the outside world."

While athletics have not been suggested as the cause of the murders at Columbine High, it is a fact that the two murderers were shouting "Where are the jocks?", meaning athletes.

One witness said that there had been bad blood between the Trenchcoat Mafia gang and the athletes for over a year which involved throwing bottles and calling each other names. It is difficult to believe that this type of thing could have been going on for over a year and nobody in authority knew anything about it.

All across the nation today people are crying out, "How could something like this happen?" It's very simple. When you take God out of the schools the devil moves in.

Welcome to the real world.

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City does well in General Assembly's Reconvened Session

With the General Assembly recently meeting in Richmond for the Reconvened or Veto Session, we now have the final word on the city's successes in the 1999 General Assembly Session.

The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf

Thanks to our delegation, we accomplished the vast majority of the legislative issues identified by City Council to be addressed by the General Assembly when it met in January and February.

The big news this year was the state keeping the promises made many years ago to localities.

For instance, the General Assembly had pledged to provide substantial state aid to local law enforcement in lieu of localities being able to annex additional land.

However, because of economic conditions, the state capped reimbursement to localities approximately 10 years ago. Therefore, Virginia Beach has lost more than $100 million in expected revenue from the Commonwealth in the last 10 years. This year the General Assembly committed to fully funding House Bill 599, which will result in the city receiving approximately $9.7 million in addition to our existing appropriation beginning in the next fiscal year.

These funds must be used for law enforcement purposes which, in Virginia Beach's case, may mean funding for a new jail, a detention facility and replacement of our aging public safety radio system.

Also, the General Assembly is now sharing more of the lottery profits with localities. The lottery returns approximately $320 million a year to the Commonwealth which, until now, has been placed in the General Fund.

With Gov. Jim Gilmore's leadership, local governments will begin to receive 40 percent of the lottery profits this year. This will mean approximately $9.8 million for the city this fiscal year and $9.7 million next fiscal year.

City Council and the Virginia Beach School Board have signed an agreement to allocate all of the lottery proceeds from the Commonwealth to school construction. We would have preferred the House of Delegates' version of the Lottery Proceeds Bill that would have returned 100 percent of the lottery proceeds to local governments. This would have provided Virginia Beach with approximately $21 million a year beginning next year. Nevertheless, we are very thankful for the $9 million a year that we will be receiving.

We were also quite successful in receiving funds for the non-state agencies. The Marine Science Museum was appropriated $1 million over the biennium during the 1998 General Assembly Session, which was increased by one-half million dollars this year by Gilmore.

The General Assembly added another half million dollars for a total of $2 million over the biennium. However, Gilmore used the power of the Reconvened Session to reduce appropriated funds to the Marine Science Museum by $250,000, therefore we will be receiving a total of $1.75 million.

A similar situation occurred with the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia. We were able to have $250,000 added by the General Assembly for this facility. However, Gilmore reduced this funding by $125,000 and the reduction was approved by the General Assembly.

The city was successful in having emergency legislation adopted that would allow the governor to sign an agreement with the federal government to obtain funding for cleanup expenses resulting from Hurricane Bonnie. Thanks to Sen. Schrock and Del. Wagner, this legislation passed early in the session and approximately $6.5 million was allocated to the city for hurricane cleanup costs.

Other issues that we received some successes on were those dealing with the operation, maintenance and construction of juvenile detention homes. The Code of Virginia states that the General Assembly can participate in up to 50 percent of the cost of a juvenile detention facility. City Council is pursuing the construction of a new facility. However, the General Assembly has capped the amount of money going to localities to $52,000 per bed.

The estimated cost of the facility, based on state standards, is approximately $164,000 per bed. Therefore, the General Assembly is participating in less than one-third of the cost of construction of the facility, as opposed to 50 percent, which is a difference of $3 million for the 90-bed facility under consideration for construction. Sen. Stolle and Del. McDonnell attempted to have legislation passed that would guarantee we would receive the 50 percent funding.

However, that legislation was defeated.

This year the General Assembly committed to fully funding House Bill 599, which will result in the city receiving approximately $9.7 million.

The senator and delegate were successful in having a study enacted wherein the General Assembly will determine what contributions will be made to these types of facilities. We had a very similar issue concerning operation and maintenance of juvenile detention facilities, in that the State Code allows up to 50 percent reimbursement, but the state is reimbursing much less than that.

Also, the state will not reimburse the cost for children retained over the rated capacity of the facility. We believe this is not appropriate. This issue will be studied between now and October.

Finally, Del. Croshaw added language to the budget bill that calls for the completion of a safety study of the firing range at Camp Pendleton. This language also restricts the National Guard from entering into agreements to lease Camp Pendleton without the approval of the General Assembly and the Governor's Office.

Prior to this legislation, the National Guard was the only state agency that could enter into long-term leases without the approval of any other part of the government. Del. Croshaw's legislation is very much appreciated.

Again, we had an exceptionally successful General Assembly Session with the members of our delegation being extremely influential. The lottery and House Bill 599 actions help to change, in very fundamental ways, the relationship between local governments and the state.

The lottery proceeds allocated to localities will certainly go a long way toward helping us address school construction needs and the funds provided by House Bill 599 is very much needed to assist us in keeping our city the safest of its size in the country.

Robert Mathias, assistant to the city manager, contributed to this column.

Up close and personal

Susan Corbitt: Storyweaver

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

The ability to weave a story and hold other people's interest — particularly a dozen squirming 3-year-olds — is a talent as intricate as tatting delicate lace.

You can keep it simple or go for details, details, details.

Susan Corbitt has that skill, plus she makes a living doing it.

A graduate of Princess Anne High School and James Madison University, the Chesapeake resident started out as a teacher but has ended up telling tales.

Her career path is a story in itself, but she said it's not all that uncommon in Hampton Roads. Norfolk even boasts a story league.

"My eyes are really beginning to open up at how many people are doing this," said Corbitt, the staff storyteller at the Virginia Beach Public Library's Central and Great Neck branches. "There are even national organizations for storytellers. You'll see them once you open yourself to it."

Corbitt always liked to tell stories, but never imagined one day it would be her calling.

"I remember the first stories I used to tell were to my boyfriend's boyfriends about their dog. I'd just make 'em up. I liked to have people ask me questions and see how far I could take it before they would say 'That's not true!'" she smiled.

As a teacher, Corbitt would make up stories centered around her students and their adventures. But she prefers to know her subjects first before creating tales about them.

"So I taught school for eight years — first and eighth grades — but didn't know what fun preschool children were. That was a whole new world for me. With young children you have to abandon yourself and just go with the flow."

As a church educator, storytelling also came naturally for Corbitt, who attends Kempsville Presbyterian. Then someone suggested she start telling stories at parties, so Corbitt tried.

"I got so excited about that that someone at a recreation center had me do a workshop on storytelling. Some reporter saw it, did an article on me — really before I got going — and that was it. It's kind of funny," she mused. "That article got me some more jobs."

Later, Corbitt heard that the then-new Virginia Beach Central Library was looking for staff storytellers.

"I was the right person at the right time," she said. "I've been there since. I don't know of any other library system that does storytelling."

Corbitt has been on the job offering preschool storytimes since Central Library opened in January 1988.

"I've been there so long that I'm seeing third siblings," she laughed.

"I'm seeing then grow up. It's nice to see the storytimes are a family tradition. Here comes another one — the mom is pregnant and I know I'll see that baby in a few years. At 2 the children won't hardly look at me. They're fearful, but they start coming about-naturally. By the time they're 4 or 5 they don't want their mom or dad there. They see it as their time. But when they get out of my class they kind of see me as the 'baby teacher.' I've seen so many children grow up."

To prepare for storytimes Corbitt has a vast librar at home with shelves lined with children's books. Above the living room door is a sign that sums up her philosophy: "Live Well. Laugh Often. Love Much."

Corbitt's persona echoes that — she's naturally warm, caring and sharing. When she sees little ones are getting squirmy with a particular story, she knows how to "tweak" it just so. She insists there's no set method of storytelling — sometimes she'll use a book, sometimes not. But she likes to keep it lively.

"People say I'm animated," Corbitt said. "I like to say I'm abandoned at times. I like the kids to take part whenever possible."

She never knows how children will react to a tale, so Corbitt thinks carefully about each one. One time, for instance, she told her own children that she was the tooth fairy and it stuck.

"All the evidence was there," said Corbitt, a resident of Indian River. "I asked them why was I always tired in the day and had lots of loose change in my pocket. It was because I was out working at night!"

When she's not storytelling, Corbitt has a new passion: serving as a foster parent for rescue dogs. Though she has two small dogs already, she wanted to open her home to a larger one. Fostering for local animal rescue groups was the answer. Corbitt also volunteers at the Norfolk SPCA.

"It has opened up a whole new world for me," she said. "I feel like a man doing the job. I have to wrestle with them to get the leash on, getting body slammed all the while so I can take them out for exercise. By the time I'm done, I'm tired and dirty. I call it my 'prison ministry' for dogs."

Corbitt is also a member of Animal Rescue of Tidewater and the Norfolk Story League.

Name: Susan Burton Corbitt.

What brought you to this area: Native to the area.

Hometown: I lived in Chesapeake (South Norfolk) through fourth grade, then moved to Virginia Beach.

Age: 49.

Nickname: Susie Q. I don't know why my younger sister calls me this.

Occupation: Storyteller.

Marital Status: Married to Jim Corbitt, a civil engineer for the city of Chesapeake.

Children: Ryan, 17, is a senior at Indian River High School and a musician accepted to VCU for jazz studies. Emily, 15, is a sophomore at Indian River and enjoys drama and art.

Favorite movies: "Life is Beautiful," "Ulee's God," "The Apostle," "Don Juan de Marco," "The Evening Star" and more.

Magazines I read regularly: *Family Circle* and *Women's Day*.

Favorite authors: Sylvia Waugh ("The Mennyms" series), Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, Sharon Creech, Ann Tyler, Cynthia Rylant, Jean Thesman, Jerry Spinelli, Robbie Branscum and many more.

Favorite night out on the town: Dinner and movie or a play.

Favorite restaurants: Fine dining with music and a view. I like trying new places.

Favorite meal and beverage: Specialty coffee, steak, baked potato and salad.

What most people don't know about me: I know how to ride a horse.

Best thing about myself: I enjoy meeting people.

Worst habit: Buying too many books.

Pets: Two dogs, Sammy and Jackie.

Hobbies: Walking, reading and fostering dogs.

Ideal vacation: Stay in an extravagant hotel in Boston (with pet accommodations) and enjoy the performing arts at night while taking scenic day trips.

Pet peeves: Filling out forms or being asked my favorites.

First job: Teaching horseback riding.

Least liked job: Office work with a temporary service agency.

Favorite sports team: 1991-93 Chicago Bulls.

Favorite musicians: Jim and Ryan Corbitt.

Most embarrassing moment: I don't embarrass easily. Over the years I have learned to laugh at myself.

How I would like to be remembered: I encouraged others in their walk with the Lord.

If I received $1 million: I would spend it on college education for my two children, buy a new house, give to Christian organizations and animal rescue groups.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would tell a story.

Spring is abloom at Virginia Beach Central Library

The Virginia Beach Central Library will present Books and Blooms, a weekend-long gardening extravaganza, May 1-2. Whether you are a nervous new homeowner anxious to get dirt under your nails, an experienced envy-of-the neighborhood gardener or simply a lover of things botanical, the weekend promises to be a veritable garden of information and delight, blooming with programs and exhibits sure to please everyone.

Registration begins Saturday at 8:30 a.m. At 9 a.m. the keynote speaker will be Robert Stiffler, *Virginian-Pilot* columnist and author of "Gardening in Southeastern Virginia and Northeastern North Carolina," who will begin with a presentation "Old Fashioned Plants that are Becoming Popular Again."

At 10 a.m. Stiffler will also moderate a panel of experts including Dana Parker, Norfolk Botanical Garden; Mike Andruczyk, Norfolk Botanical Garden; and Dr. Arthur Kaplan, who will answer gardening questions from the audience.

On the Saturday schedule are Randy Jackson, Extension agent for the Virginia Beach Cooperative Extension Services presenting "Shade Gardening," Roger Huff, Virginia Beach Department of Landscape Services, talking about "Trees for Hampton Roads."

Kathy Van Mullekom, editor of *Hampton Roads Gardening* magazine, presenting slides featuring "Gardens in Southside Hampton Roads." Marie Butler, horticulturist with the Virginia Zoological Park, showing "Where the Wild Things Grow."

Tom La Vagetto from White's Nursery telling visitors how to "Prepare for a Blooming Success," Gloria Ann Putnam owner of the Weekend Gardener will help with "Container Gardening." Ron Dick of Tide Water Gardens will discuss "Creating a Water Garden" (using the garden he created in the Central Library courtyard for illustration).

Sally Simon of the Camellia Society will show the best ways for "Growing and Propagating Camellias." Bonnie Primm of Bonnie Primm Consulting will discuss "Feng Shui in the Garden."

On Sunday beginning at 1 p.m. Donna Burnett, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, will talk about "Creating a Backyard Habitat," while Carol Jordan of the Herb Society of America discusses "Growing Herbs in Hampton Roads." Mary Reid Barrow, *Beacon* columnist for the *Virginian-Pilot* talks about the "Strange and Wonderful Nature in Your Backyard."

Carol Chewning of Norfolk Botanical Gardens presents a "History and Visual Tour of Norfolk Botanical Gardens." The program wraps up with Sybil Mays of Paradise Nursery discussing "Fruits for the Home Garden" and John Kingry of the Bonsai Society talks about "Creating and Caring for Bonsai."

Door prizes will be given away on both days provided by Southern Living, Harris Teeter, Hannaford's, Advanced Nutrition, McDonald's Nursery, Willis Wayside and Once Upon a Time.

Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register call, 431-3001.

Thomas Barton III

A. Palmer Farley

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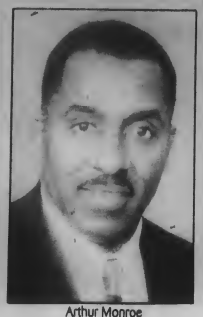
Arthur Monroe

David Sparks

Neptune's Tritons prepare for season of festival duties

The 1999 Virginia Beach Neptune Festival announces King Neptune's Tritons for this year's festival.

As part of the Neptune Festival Royal Court, the Tritons are nominated from among the community and serve as aides to King Neptune and ambassadors of goodwill for the Neptune Festival and Virginia Beach during festival events throughout 1999.

Six Tritons have been selected for this year:

■ Thomas Arthur Barton III, vice president of Beach Ford/Barton Ford Lincoln Mercury. In addition to a busy career, Barton is actively involved in many facets of Virginia Beach through education and the city's youth are his passion. He currently directs the "Adopt-a-School" program for Kinston Elementary, Lynnhaven Middle School and Landstown Middle School. Annually, he sponsors the Beach Ford All-American Scholarship program and a graduating senior from each of the 10 Virginia Beach city high schools are presented a scholarship. Barton is also a member of the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center Advisory Council.

■ Gerald S. Divaris, president and chief executive officer of Divaris Real Estate. While overseeing his company's widespread range of real estate brokerage and management concerns, Divaris also manages an extensive range of community events. His involvement includes the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, Norfolk State University, Virginia Beach Sister Cities Association, Medical College of Hampton Roads Foundation and Tidewater Community College.

■ A. Palmer Farley, CEO of Barker, Campbell, Farley and Mansfield Advertising and Public Relations. Farley's company is the largest independent advertising and public relations company in Virginia. The firm, operating from offices in Virginia Beach and Richmond, handle a varied account mix that includes medical and health care enterprises, regional and national commercial businesses and municipal tourism accounts, including the city of Virginia Beach and the Commonwealth of Virginia. In addition to a busy career, Farley is very active in the community. He serves on the Board of Directors of The Virginia Marine Science Museum, Visions, and the Virginia International Waterfront Arts Festival. He has also been active with Old Dominion University, Norfolk State University and the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia.

■ William A. Hearst, foundation administrator of the Lee A. and Helen Gifford Foundation. Hearst also maintains a very active schedule in community affairs with involvement on a wide variety of boards and associations. He was on the Board of Directors for Central Fidelity Bank and the Military Circle Merchant's Association. He has also served with the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, The Hampton Roads Council of the Navy League, Armed Forces YMCA and the Board of Directors for Norfolk Festevents.

■ Arthur Monroe, founder vice president and chief operations officer of Monroe Mortgage. Monroe established Monroe Mortgage, Inc. in 1994 after many successful years in banking and insurance ventures. He has been active over the years in the Virginia Mortgage Brokers Association where he co-chairs the Legislative Committee, The Tidewater Association of Realtors, The Tidewater Builders Association and the Neptune Festival. He is also a U.S. Navy veteran.

■ David Lee Sparks, vice president and co-founder of Bay Mechanical and partner in Bay Properties. Bay Mechanical is one of the most successful contracting and engineering firms in the southeast. The company has been involved with a variety of projects include the CBN Hotel and Conference Center. The Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters, Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, Norfolk Southern Tower and the Charlotte Panthers Stadium. In addition to a busy work schedule, Sparks is an Elder and Trustee of the Calvin Presbyterian Church, President of APVA (Lynnhaven House), a member of the Association of General Contractors in Virginia and North Carolina.

High-stepping Stihl Trimmers make debut

The Virginia Beach-based Stihl Trimmer Corps recently made its national debut at the International Azalea Festival in Norfolk. A first-time parade participant, the marching team is made up of employees companywide. Marching down the parade route, the team carried Stihl trimmers modified for safety. They were accompanied by the company Volkswagen "tool bug" and followed by the company's show trailer.

AGRICULTURAL HONORS. Sandy Arrington and Joyce Rawls, former secretaries with the Department of Agriculture, received Special Recognition Awards for providing more than 60 years of service. Pictured with them are Louis Cullipher, director of agriculture for the city, and Dick Cockrell, former director. The four have provided 112 years of service to the Virginia Beach Agriculture Department. Shown, from left, are Cullipher, Arrington, Rawls and Cockrell.

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Strawberry pick-your-own tours getting under way

Wear your work-in-the-fields clothes, jump on the bus at the Virginia Beach Farmers Market and go to a Pungo Strawberry field to pick your own fresh strawberries. All bus tours start and end at the Farmers Market. Three tours are planned for strawberry season:

■ Saturday, May 1, departure time: 9:30 a.m.-noon; transportation costs is $1 per person (refreshments included).

■ Wednesday, May 12, 5 to 7:30 p.m.; transportation cost is $1 per person (refreshments included).

■ Saturday, May 15, 9:30 to noon; transportation cost is $1 per person (refreshments included).

Pay growers at check out (farm prices) for all berries.

Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Space is limited so sign up now. Pre-register at the Virginia Beach Farmers Market Office. The Farmers Market Office is located at 3640 Dam Neck Road.

Bring your own containers for picking. Large shallow containers are the best. Deep containers tend to crush the bottom berries).

Farms will be chosen by availability and quality of berries. Each tour requires a minimum of 10 people.

Tours will proceed in a light rain (drizzle). Bring a raincoat and a hat.

For more information call the Virginia Beach Farmers Market Office, 427-4395.

Agriculture's 'Man of Year' named; hog producer Knight takes honor

Barry Knight was recently selected as the 1998 Virginia Beach Man of the Year in Agriculture. He is the 32nd recipient to be honored with this award. This award is presented annually to a farmer who has made a significant contribution to the city's agricultural community. The recipient is selected by a committee comprised of the previous winners.

Knight developed a passion for farming at the age of 13 when he began working on a dairy and grain farm. Knight started his own small hog farm almost 20 years ago at the age of 26. Since then he has two farrow-to-finish hog farms which produce approximately 20,000 pigs annually.

Knight has received a number of awards that honor his contributions to the community and recognize the high standards of quality maintained at his livestock operations.

These include the Virginia Beach Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmer Award and the Virginia Top Pork Producer Award. Also, this year he received awards from both the Virginia Dare Soil and Water Conservation District and the Chowan River Basin for his efforts to protect the environment.

Congressman Owen Pickett was honored as Friend of Agriculture for his long time support of farmers and the agriculture industry both on Capitol Hill and previously in the State General Assembly.

Also, this year special recognition awards were given to Sandy Arrington and Joyce Rawls for a combined 60 years of dedicated service as secretaries in the city's Department of Agriculture.

Virginia Beach has about 30,000 acres of cropland. Most of the land is used for grain production. Much of the corn produced is marked through the 36,000 hogs that produced annually. Specialty crops, mostly vegetable and small fruits are gradually increasing with a great deal of direct marketing. Last year the economic impact of agriculture was about $51 million based on about $16 million product value.

The city has initiated the only Purchase of Development Rights Program in Virginia. This voluntary program is used to preserve farmland and open space and reduce the future cost of urban infrastructure.

It provides an opportunity for farmers to expand their operation at prices that reflect farm values. The program also helps landowners keep their property they now have and pass it along intact to the next generation.

Over the past three years, 3,966 acres have been purchased which is equivalent to 331 development units. Landowners are permitted to reserve a few building sites for family or others.

MAN OF AGRICULTURE. Virginia Beach grower Barry Knight is honored by Councilwoman Reba McClanan as the 1998 Man of the Year in Agriculture.

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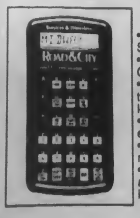

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Upcoming Events

Women's Chorale presents concert

The Wesleyan Women's Chorale, under the direction of Deborah Carr, will present a concert at 8 p.m. on Monday, May 3 in Edward D. Hofheimer Theater on the campus of Virginia Wesleyan College.

The concert is titled "The World: Around Us, Between Us, Inside Us" and focuses on 20th century works.

Tickets are $8, $5 for seniors and students. For further details or to reserve tickets call, 455-3376.

Ft. Story yard sale

A community spring yard sale will be held from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Family housing residents will participate. The housing areas are located on Manila, Santiago, Pacific and Vera Cruz Roads and Atlantic Avenue near the Fort Story Youth Center.

The Fort Story Thrift Shop on Guadalcanal Road will also participate. Shoppers should enter the East Gate, next to 89th Street in Virginia Beach.

Items not sold by the family housing residents will be donated to the Samaritan House. For information, call Fort Story Operations, 422-7101, ext. 232.

St. Andrew's Society holds May dinner

Saint Andrew's Society of Tidewater meets and dines on Monday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Steinhilber's Thalia Acres Inn, 653 Thalia Road in Virginia Beach. Prospective members are welcome to attend. Call 430-2646 for additional information.

'All Hands on Deck' enjoyed Hornblower tribute

By Bob Ruegsegger
Correspondent

Inspired by an American Library Association and an A & E Network affiliation, Denise Walker and Cynthia Hart collaborated to create a display to showcase C. S. Forester's Horatio Hornblower adventure novels at Virginia Beach Central Library.

"The A & E Network was offering some $1,000 prizes for the best displays, so we decided that we would like to offer a program that would showcase the books," said Hart, an information specialist at the library.

"Often, any special program generates a lot of business based on the fiction that it comes from."

"We've noticed already since the programs have been on on Sunday night that we're having an increased amount of interest in the books and in the author," noted Walker, a reference librarian.

"They're really classic adventure fiction," Hart observed. "And we felt that people who don't know of them might want to take advantage of the books, come in, and read them."

Hart and Walker put together a exhibit highlighting the Hornblower books and looked around to see who in the area might have additional relevant material. In addition, they generated a free family program for library patrons called "All Hands on Deck" as a tribute to Forester's Hornblower.

Their entertaining, informative three-part program featured local songwriter Bob Zentz and local authors Julie and Richard Pouliot.

During the first segment of the three-hour program, "On Board a Man O' War," Zentz presented anecdotes, stories and songs of sailors in the British Navy during the Napoleonic Wars.

After a brief interval, Julie and Richard Pouliot, authors of Shipwrecks on the Virginia Coast and the Men of the United States Lifesaving Service, provided photos, charts, and details that focused on local 19th century shipwrecks.

Following another brief intermission, Zentz presented "Sailor's Songs," an engaging assortment of traditional sea chanteys, seafaring poetry, and tales of voyages and shipwrecks.

"The sailors worked to songs in the days before steam came along, and the rhythm of the work that they did to make an old square rigged ship go, was definitely dependent upon the rhythms created by the chantey man singing these songs and the crew echoing back in certain parts," said Zentz.

Zentz noted that the sailing crew was very much an international aggregate; men from a multiplicity of cultures "heaved and hauled" together to sail the tall ships. "Consequently, a lot of the cultures — the African influence, the Irish influence — came together to make a genre of music that was particularly peculiar to the water and to the jobs that people did," he said.

"When they went to sing ballads, like some of the things we did today...they stuck pretty close to a straight storyteller's format," noted Zentz. "I think, in a lot of ways, we learn a lot by listening to those songs."

Zentz concluded his "informance" by promoting the Hornblower television series, Forester's books, and reading in general.

"It's a very well done series," said Zentz.

Al Chewning, a patron who attended the program, characterized the agenda for the afternoon as "informative and educational."

"I liked the way it (the program) was done in three segments," commented Chewning. "I've always heard that you can absorb only as much as your butt can endure, so it gave me three opportunities to get up and walk around," he explained.

"Bob Zentz is a librarian's dream," said Walker, the reference librarian who helped Hart to formulate and promote "All Hands on Deck."

"He brings his own books, he displays them, he talks about how wonderful books and reading are — about how it can open up your world," Walker beamed. "And then he plugs the program itself, and why were here. He talks about Hornblower," she said.

Photos by Bob Ruegsegger

AN AVID READER. In addition to being a first-rate musician, songwriter and storyteller, Bob Zentz is a voracious reader who gives his time to the libraries.

READ IT. During National Library Week, Diane Walker, left, and Cynthia Hart conspired to produce a program to promote books about Horatio Hornblower.

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The food is simply top-notch. From fresh rice and beans with roast pork, beef or chicken dishes to outstanding pastelillos (small patties), alcapurnia (stuffed banana croquettes) and an after dinner natural juice like tamarindo, passion fruit or morir sonando, this restaurant is an unusual and exciting dining experience. They also feature their famous Cuban sandwich. The decor at **El Latino Deli & Bakery** is unique with its bold, bright white interior, glass counters and warm, low lighting. The setting is intimate, and the service is friendly. The staff is more than happy to suggest daily specials or to further explain the preparation of their food.

Try something different this week and stop in **El Latino Deli & Bakery** for dinner. Not only will the food be fantastic, but the evening will be unforgettable.

Four "S" Computers Family-Owned & Operated

The millennium is coming! Year 2000 issues are weighing heavily on the minds of Americans. The problem lies in both hardware and software with two-digit dates. When the year 2000 rolls around, computers will recognize the digits 00 as 1900 which, in some cases, will result in computer shut-down. This can affect business operations including accounts payable, computers in cars, home appliances and more—many things most of us have never stopped to think about.

If you haven't thought about your computer level year 2000 problems yet, it's time. **Four "S" Computers**, located in Virginia Beach, phone 498-9223, offers testing for Y2K compliance. These professionals have the ability to test your computer for hardware problems such as an outdated BIOS or real-time clock, for commercial off-the-shelf application Y2K compliance, and end-user created data. The professionals at **Four "S" Computers** will then consult with you and administrate your Y2K solution.

It's important to stop and realize how the year 2000 can affect your business. It's also important to realize that every computer and every business has a different problem and the solutions to some problems will be much more complex than others. Now is the time to call **Four "S" Computers** at 498-9223 for a consultation. They offer answers and solutions.

Marian Manor Assisted Living Community

Celebrating 10 Years Of Serving The Community

There is a need in this area for affordable living facilities for older residents who are mobile and active, but no longer want to cope with the responsibilities of maintaining a home. These individuals need the freedom that is every one's right, but they may require safe and secure surroundings and some amount of assistance.

This need is met at **Marian Manor Assisted Living Community**, located in Virginia Beach at 5345 Marian Lane, phone 456-5018. This home-like adult living facility provides private and semi-private apartments on a long- or short-term basis. Their accommodations are climate-controlled, well-maintained and relaxing. Laundry, housekeeping and three home-cooked meals a day free their residents to enjoy planned activities, their own personal projects, and each other's companionship. **Marian Manor Assisted Living Community's** caring staff believes in dignified and personalized care and provides assistance with bathing, dressing, personal care, and medication management as needed. Medical care can be arranged immediately. Most importantly, their assistance is unobtrusive, with respect for the individual.

Should your loved one require independence in a safe and caring environment, you are invited to contact **Marian Manor Assisted Living Community** to discuss their services or to arrange a visit to their facilities. Let them help ease your mind about caring for your loved one.

Hampton Roads Harley-Davidson, Inc.
Southside Harley-Davidson

A motorcycle is much more than just basic transportation, and a *Harley* is much more than just a motorcycle! Some of these outstanding new and pre-owned machines are on display at **Hampton Roads Harley-Davidson**, located in Newport News at 7204 Warwick Boulevard, phone 245-5221, and at **Southside Harley-Davidson**, located in Virginia Beach at 385 North Witchduck Road, phone 499-8964. Each of the pre-owned bikes they sell have been inspected with a fine-toothed comb to ensure that there are many more miles of open road left.

Harley-Davidson is the Rolls-Royce of motorcycles. These machines have earned their world-wide reputation for performance, durability and style. **Hampton Roads Harley-Davidson** and **Southside Harley-Davidson** are the local sources for new, classic, restored and pre-owned late model *Harleys* in sizes and styles to suit both novices and long-time bikers. There aren't many people who at some point haven't flirted with the notion of chucking the old routine and flying wide open down a highway. There is a romance about a *Harley* that is absent in other motorcycles.

Hampton Roads Harley-Davidson and **Southside Harley-Davidson** know that *Harley* owners are particular and demand quality accessories to go with the quality machines. See them for leathers, helmets, gloves, hats, jewelry or any other accessory a *Harley* enthusiast may want. Own a legend. Own a *Harley*.

Pinnacle Mortgage Family-Owned & Operated

As a family-owned and operated business, **Pinnacle Mortgage** has established themselves as a consumer friendly mortgage broker operation that is exceeding the expectations of their customers. Many people are considering refinancing their home or buying a new home with today's low, long-term fixed interest rates. This makes possible affordable mortgage payments and, in some cases, the answer to overloaded budgets. With so many companies offering home mortgage assistance, it's hard to make a wise decision regarding loan arrangements.

Pinnacle Mortgage, located in Virginia Beach, specializes in home mortgage loans. Their professional personnel are highly trained and are leaders in their field. They can expertly answer any questions you may have concerning refinancing or purchasing. They offer hundreds of different loan programs—from conventional, VA, jumbo, super jumbo, adjustable, no doc or any of the many other programs available. They will carefully explain the benefits of each loan option, and will design the loan best suited to your family's needs.

Pinnacle Mortgage prides themselves on staying on top of current market trends to offer their customers very affordable mortgage products. Sooner or later, we all need counseling on a refinance or a home purchase. When you are faced with the decision of choosing a mortgage company, turn to the one so many others have come to know and trust—**Pinnacle Mortgage**. You will appreciate their old-fashioned courtesy and their high standards of excellence. *Pinnacle Mortgage is very proud to be a member of the Greater Hampton Roads Better Business Bureau. Call them today at 557-0860, or e-mail them at pinnacle@pilot.infi.net today.*

Venice Italian Restorante Thomas Dourdoumis, Owner

It seems as though there are Italian restaurants of every size, price range and specialty in each community. To be exceptional and to stand out from all the rest it must have something really special going for it. **Venice Italian Restorante** may not be the most fancy restaurant in the area, but it has simply the best food and service which is served in a relaxed and warm family atmosphere.

The owners of this fine establishment are both gracious and proud. They pamper their patrons with TLC and exceptional old-style Italian cuisine. Their menu is more than complete, from homemade pastas, sauces and oven-baked bread to garden fresh salads, succulent pizzas and tantalizing daily specials sure to please the entire family. You can always count on hardy portions, modest prices and mouthwatering homestyle Italian food when you dine at **Venice Italian Restorante**. If you still have a bit of room in your tummy after dinner, don't miss out on their homemade Italian desserts. They are truly a wonderful finish to a great meal.

Venice Italian Restorante is located in Virginia Beach at 1516 Atlantic Avenue, phone 425-1360. Treat yourself and your family and stop by today. *Mention this reader ad and receive a 10% discount.*

Dyna-Clean "Our Reputation Is Built On Quality & Trust"

Today, nearly all of us have carpeting in our homes and commercial buildings. To keep that carpet really clean and to prolong its life, something more than routine vacuuming is necessary. Periodic steam cleaning is the best way to clean, preserve and enhance the appearance of your carpets and rugs.

In this area, the carpet cleaning firm that many people have come to know and trust is **Dyna-Clean**, located in Virginia Beach, phone 495-3930. These trained professionals are cleaning experts. They provide a truck-powered steam cleaning process which cleans deep, dries fast and leaves no sticky residue in your carpet. Special attention is paid to high traffic areas and difficult spots. Their service also disinfects and deodorizes your carpet. **Dyna-Clean's** personnel are prompt, courteous and efficient, and will treat your home or business as if it were their own. In addition, they are bonded and insured for your protection, and will also provide a free estimate. Residential and commercial jobs receive the same careful attention. Also offered is emergency water removal service.

For beautifully clean carpets and rugs at a surprisingly low cost, the professionals at **Dyna-Clean** are the people to contact. Make your appointment by calling 495-3930. You'll be extremely pleased with the results.

Consignment City The Upscale Resale Superstore

Consignment stores have come of age attaining a new status as the place to go for realizing great values for the retail shopper. **Consignment City** is a modern 25,000 square foot store in the Tidewater area that accepts top quality items for resale. This makes possible shopping for any type of merchandise you can imagine.

Individuals who consign their merchandise at **Consignment City** receive 60% of the sale proceeds of all items sold during the 90-day consignment period. On items that sell for more than $300.00, the consignor receives 70% of the sale proceeds. So if you're doing spring cleaning, renovating or upgrading your household, don't throw away profit to be made on your next-to-new merchandise when you can bring it to **Consignment City** for consignment! They're located in Virginia Beach at 4805 Shore Drive.

When you visit their store, your eyes will light up at the selection of nearly new merchandise like clothing, jewelry, china, appliances, computer equipment, audio and video equipment, furniture, antiques, glassware, books, sporting goods and baby items, just to name a few. Spring is an excellent time to clean out your closets, garages and attics and take those unneeded items to **Consignment City**. For more information, call **Consignment City** at 363-7176 or stop by and open your account today.

Eastern Mobile Homes, Inc.

In the past few years, the use of economical manufactured homes for permanent living compared to expensive site-built housing has increased beyond all expectations. Manufactured homes, as they are now built, provide their owners with living that can be compared with some of the finest conventional homes. They are roomy, comfortable, convenient, structurally safe and energy efficient with beautifully designed exteriors and interiors.

Eastern Mobile Homes, located in Virginia Beach at 792 South Military Highway, phone 366-0050, or in Chesapeake at 3213 South Military Highway, phone 485-7002, carries well-known brand names and is sure to have a model to suit your needs and budget. They offer a good selection of manufactured homes as well as accessories and service. Prompt delivery, set-up and service are all part of their determination to serve you better.

Eastern Mobile Homes invites you to come by and see their excellent display of different models of single and sectional homes. They can also offer assistance with financing. The personnel here can show you how easy it is to fit one of their beautiful homes into your life. Easy monthly payments, long term financing to qualified buyers, and a low down payment makes owning a new manufactured home both easy and practical. Visit **Eastern Mobile Homes** today and discover the home you've been looking for!

Innovative Spas "Your Specialist In H2000H"

Now homeowners are discovering what physical therapists have known for years—spas combine effective physical relaxation and stress reduction with easy access. Today, units in rehab facilities, locker rooms and gyms have spawned personal spas for home use.

Spas are for everyone! **Innovative Spas**, located in Virginia Beach at 4732 Virginia Beach Boulevard, phone 490-7727 or 1-888-313-7727, can help you entertain your guests or just enjoy those quiet, private moments in your own little corner of the world. **Innovative Spas** understands that today's buyers want the luxury and health benefits of a spa, but never forget practicality. They are both value and cost-conscious. That's why only spas which are well-designed, durable, energy-efficient and attractive are sold here from such brand names as *Softub, Bullfrog* and *Mater Spas*. These units are built from state-of-the-art materials and are available in different sizes and styles and with a variety of jet systems. They offer 100% financing to qualified buyers.

Service is just as important to **Innovative Spas** as the spas themselves. Their experienced staff has committed themselves to helping you select just the right unit to meet your needs and price range. They provide expert installation and then keep every component of your system in perfect working order. Chemicals and supplies are also available. Contact **Innovative Spas** and let them help improve the quality of your life. *Innovative Spas offers free shipping on their Softubs throughout the United States.*

Med Emporium Hampton Roads' Complete Home Health Care Super Stores

When you or your loved one need medical equipment at home, **Med Emporium** can make it easier. For dependable and professional home medical equipment, **Med Emporium** offers two locations in Virginia Beach—at 192 Hilltop East Shopping Center, phone 428-0787, or at 3750 Virginia Beach Boulevard, inside Drug Emporium, phone 463-4285, and additional locations in Norfolk and Hampton. **Med Emporium** offers medical equipment and supplies to make at-home recuperation as safe and comfortable as possible. They also do in-home training for patients and family members regarding proper use and maintenance of the equipment.

Med Emporium provides sales, rental and servicing of manual and electric hospital beds, conventional and powered wheelchairs, lift chairs, ambulatory equipment, bathroom safety aids, mastectomy/women's health, orthopedic braces, specialty shoes and custom insoles, custom rehab equipment and much more. They respond quickly to your needs and provide delivery and in-home setup. Their professional staff is only a phone call away in an emergency. If you need assistance with claims and billings, they will help you process the necessary forms. They strive to eliminate any excess worries you might have when home medical equipment is necessary.

Remember **Med Emporium** for anything in the hospital or healthcare equipment line. Everything they do is based on the concept of simplifying this experience and ultimately fulfilling their goal of increasing independence and improving quality of life.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Davies named 1999 Neptune Fest chair

The 1999 Virginia Beach Neptune Festival announces that John A.B. "Andy" Davies Jr. is chairman of the 1999 Neptune Festival. First vice chairman and chairman of 2000 Neptune Festival is John F. Malbon.

Davies is the regional president of Centura Bank's Virginia market. He was previously president and CEO of First Coastal Bank before their acquisition by Centura on March 26, 1999, a position he had held since 1991.

John A.B. "Andy" Davies Jr.

Prior to joining First Coastal, Davies spent eight years with First Union National Bank (formerly First American Bank of Virginia in Norfolk) and nine years with NationsBank of Virginia (formerly Virginia National Bank and First & Merchants National Bank in Norfolk).

In addition to his busy professional career, he is extremely active in the community and serves as a member of a number of community boards including the United Way of South Hampton Roads, Eastern Virginia Medical School Foundation, The Virginia Beach Foundation, The Virginia Marine Science Museum Foundations, Kids Voting Virginia, Virginia Beach Vision and the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce. In addition to the Virginia Beach Neptune Festival, he is currently Chairman of the Board of the WHRO Public Television/Radio Foundation.

Davies graduated from the College of William and Mary. He resides in Virginia Beach with his wife, Mary, and two daughters, Paige and Kelly.

Tartt gets Six Star Salute for civic leadership in Korea

Monte L. Tartt of Virginia Beach received special recognition from a group of South Korean civic leaders for his exceptional professionalism and dedication while protecting freedom on the Korean peninsula.

Tartt was honored during the United Services Organization Council of Korea-sponsored Six Star Salute. The event bestows the honorary rank of Six Stars on the invitees, who were identified by their leaders to represent the tens of thousands of professional and dedicated service members defending the democratic way of life in Korea.

Tartt was one of the 67 junior enlisted U.S. personnel chosen to represent their service in a two-day series of events designed to honor and introduce them to Korean culture, history and leadership. Tartt is an Army Corporal assigned to 176th Finance Battalion, Yongsan, Korea.

During the two days Tartt was treated to a Seoul Palace tour, an all-American luncheon sponsored by the Seoul Area Enlisted Spouses Club, a luncheon hosted by the Mayor of Seoul, a banquet in their honor and a farewell at the USO. A visit to the Blue House (South Korea's equivalent to the U.S. White House) and a martial arts demonstration at a local elementary school were also part of the event.

The annual event is one of the important aspects of the USO, which provides entertainment for U.S. soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines stationed throughout the world. This year marks the 28th anniversary of the Six Star Salute.

Monte L. Tartt

Pitney Bowes Codding honored

Liz Codding, a senior administrative associate for the National meter Protection Department of Pitney Bowes, Norfolk Business Operations, was recently honored by her peers for her service to the community.

Codding, who lives in the Chimney Hill area of Virginia Beach, was selected for Pitney Bowes' Community Service Award for the month of March for her work and dedication to the March of Dimes.

Codding supports the March of Dimes effort because of a special connection with her godson, Kodey Slaughter, "who has taught me that everyone is special in their own way."

Codding has been on the staff of Pitney Bowes for seven years.

SHE LOVES ME! Regent University Theatre presents this musical comedy through May 9 starring Robin Ringer and Darrin Meigs.

Regent University Theatre stages 'She Loves Me'

The Regent University Theatre is presenting the musical comedy "She Loves Me" through May 9. The love story by Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick was originally produced on Broadway in the 1960s and revived in 1993.

Directed by Mindy Baker, "She Loves Me" is based on the story "The Shop Around the Corner." Two young pen pals have been exchanging love letters for quite some time. They end up working together at Maraczek's Parfumerie where they discover they can not stand each other, although they love one another in their letters. A story of love and laughter unfolds through many funny situations in a musical setting. The recent motion picture "You've Got Mail" was based on this short-story musical.

"She Loves Me" opened on Thursday. Performances are April 29-May 1; May 7-8 at 8 p.m.; and May 2 and 9 at 3 p.m. For more information contact Joleen Neighbors Miller, Regent University Theatre productions manager, 226-4298.

Tickets are $7 for general admission and $5 for senior citizens over 60 and students. Group rates are available. Call 226-4245 for the reservation hotline.

A whale of an adventure!

Embark on a whale of an adventure. Join the Virginia Marine Science Museum on a New England Whale Watching and Nature Photography Trip off the coast of Gloucester, Mass.

On Saturday, July 31 through Sunday, Aug. 8, participants will be able to search for humpback, fin, minke and right whales in their North Atlantic feeding grounds on multiple whale watching trips and learn how to capture their natural behaviors on film through instruction by noted wildlife photographer, Ronn Maratea.

In the summer New England sun, participants will be able to see the same amazing animals that museum visitors see off the coast of Virginia Beach during the winter. Additional excursions have also been planned including a trip to Mystic Seaport, a re-created whaling village, Baltimore's Inner Harbor, as well as other shopping and recreational activities.

For more than 15 years, renowned wildlife photographer Maratea has traveled the world to photograph thousands of animals in their natural habitats including Antarctica, Africa, Brazil and Argentina. An impassioned advocate of preserving natural habitats and respecting wildlife everywhere, his photographs can bee seen on display in settings as diverse as the Virginia Marine Science Museum, Virginia Zoo and the Elephant Museum of South Africa's Kruger National Park. In addition, his photos have appeared on greeting cards, posters, brochures, calendars and advertisements throughout the world.

The nine-day trip package includes eight nights of lodging, round-trip transportation on a luxury motor coach and five whale watching trips aboard a private 53-foot whale watching vessel, the Wejack. The package does not include food, tips or personal insurance.

Participants without their "sea legs" can investigate the area for shopping, recreational activities and local excursions. Additional optional features include weekday trips to Boston, a visit to the National Aquarium in Baltimore, lobster and clambake, as well as daily pontoon boat trips.

The trip packages cost is $950 based on double occupancy. Single rates are also available. (Those not participating in whale watching can request a reduced package fee). To reserve a space, a $200 deposit is required by May 1. Reservations are required. Call 437-6007.

Honored for significant achievement

Stihl, the Virginia-Beach based outdoor power equipment manufacturer, has been awarded a Certificate for Significant Achievement by the U.S. Senate Productivity and Quality Award for Virginia board. The ceremony took place at the 1999 Virginia Forum for Excellence in Richmond. Dr. Stewart Roberson, master of ceremonies and chairman-elect of the board, presented the award to Monica Mills, Stihl's director of human resources.

Evangelista sings with symphony

Soprano Mary Ann Evangelista will appear as guest soloist with the Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra for a performance of several opera and broadway favorites including Charpentier's "Depuis le jour" from Louis, Lerner/Lowe's "I Could Have Danced All Night" from My Fair Lady and Delibes/Leo's "La Filles de Cadix." She also will perform Tom Benjamin's "Three Irish Lyrics for Soprano and Orchestra," a commissioned work composed for the orchestra's final concert of the 1998-1999 season.

Under the direction of David S. Kunkel, the concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 2 at the Virginia Beach Pavilion Theatre.

Concert tickets, which may be obtained at the box office, are $10 for adults and $7.50 for students and senior citizens.

For more information call, 671-8611.

Legends of the Beach come alive May 14

Pirates, witches, adventurers and warriors — these are the "Legends of the Beach." See them come alive as the historic Francis Land House celebrates its 13th anniversary as a museum and the city of Virginia Beach honors Celebrate Virginia month.

The grounds of the house will be the backdrop for "Legends of the Beach" on Friday, May 14 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Hear the adventures of the high seas with Blackbeard the Pirate. Visit with Grace Sherwood, the Witch of Pungo. Explore the lives of the Native Americans through a hands-on learning lab. Join the Department of African-American Interpretation and Presentations from Colonial Williamsburg for storytelling and music that reflect Colonial African-American life.

Listen as William "Berry" Jenkins gives his "eyewitness" account of the Battle Off the Capes. Watch a woodcarver create a half-size model of the Norwegian Lady figurehead. Travel back to 1813 with Private Luke Hill of the 20th Regiment of the Virginia Militia. Visit with Mrs. Burwell, "a 17th-century lady and a friend of the Thoroughgood family."

Enjoy the musical talents of Beth Gardener from the Tidewater Friends of Folk Music. Tour the beautiful Francis Land House and talk with "Francis Land and his family.

Legends is offered free of charge. Call 431-4000 for information. The Francis Land House is located at 3131 Virginia Beach Blvd. in Virginia Beach.

Shag in the sand at annual Beach Music Weekend

It's back and it's bigger! The fifth annual Beach Music Weekend in Virginia Beach will take over the beach May 21-23. Shag in the sand as beach music favorites perform free concerts on a huge stage built in the sand at the 29th Street beach.

Don't forget about the shag contest with cash prizes, hosted by famous deejay Charlie Byrd.

Three days of memorable beach music featuring shag favorites. Friday evening, The Embers will get things started at 7 p.m. Saturday afternoon, be sure to catch Bill Deal, Ammon Tharp and the Original Rhondels at 2 p.m., followed by the magnificent Mardi Gras Band at 5:30 p.m. At 8 p.m., Beach Music Weekend legends, Chairmen of the Board will take the stage.

On Sunday, May 23, The Band of Oz will put you back into the mood at 2 p.m., followed by an unforgettable performance by The Spinners at 4 p.m. All musical performances will take place at the 29th Street Stage at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront.

The shag contest will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday night at the 24th Street Stage located off the boardwalk. Cash prizes will be awarded to the Best Shaggers.

No tickets are needed for this fun weekend. This is one event you will not want to miss — so boogie, shag, bop, twist and shimmy on over to the fifth annual Beach Music Weekend. This event is sponsored by Budweiser, GTE Wireless, TJ Max, WVEC-TV 13, KOOL 95, *The Virginian-Pilot* and the city of Virginia Beach.

For more information call, 491-SUNN or visit the Beach Events website at http//www.beacheventsfun.com. For hotel information call, 1-800-VA-BEACH. For information about the Shag Contest call Larry Williams, 312-9323.

Cities team to honor Earth Day at Amphibious Base

Earth Day is coming to Hampton Roads! Although Earth Day was April 22, the Hampton Roads area will be hosting a celebration of its own.

The U.S. Navy along with Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Portsmouth are sponsoring Earth Day '99 on Sunday. The event will take place (rain or shine) at Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek's Lake Bradford Picnic Area from 11:45 a.m. to 7 p.m.

This year's event will feature a host of activities including exhibits, games, crafts, food and three stages of entertainment. Parking and admission are free.

Everyone is invited to attend the opening ceremony, which will be held on the Mars Stage (the Children's Stage) at 11:45 a.m.

Runners from each city and the U.S. Navy will proceed with a police escort to the ceremonial stage, where they will present the mayors with a Flying Earth Day Creatures Kite.

Diana H. Josephson, principal deputy assistant secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment, will be the keynote speaker.

Hampton Roads theme for this year is "A Good Planet is Hard to Find." More than 50 exhibitors will have environmental displays, all in an effort to increase awareness on how to keep our planet clean, healthy and beautiful.

Some the activities include a bike rodeo, canoe/kayak rally and climbing wall. There will also be a trash art exhibit. Three stages will feature a variety of entertainment. The Mars stage (dedicated to children) will feature the College of Charleston Theater presenting the Wartsville Wizzard, Puppet and Clown Show and Merman's Fantasy and Illusions.

The Earth Stage (geared more for adults) has Muddy Creek, The Barrys, Super Heaters, Remainders, Navy Show Band, Troy Hedspeth and Rare Daze in its lineup. The Pluto Stage (environmental and cultural related acts) will have an Eco-Fashion Show, John Ickes, Dazzling Image Cloggers, Electric Fuzz Band, African American Storytelling and British Isle Dancers.

This is the 29th anniversary of Earth Day. The purpose of Earth Day is to increase awareness in the community about the need to work together and solve environmental challenges.

Since April 22, 1990, the Hampton Roads area has continued to foster environmental awareness through projects such as the annual Earth Day event.

Volunteers are needed to help on the day of the event, to volunteer call Claudia Cox-Wynn at 393-8522. For more information on Earth Day contact Paula Keicer, 322-2853, or John Deuel, 441-1347.

Popular Bible seminar comes to Baylake United Methodist

The "Walk Thru the New Testament" seminar will be conducted at Baylake United Methodist Church, 4300 Shore Dr. on Sunday, May 2.

Internationally renowned for its innovative, entertaining presentation, the "Walk Thru the Bible" seminar utilizes interactive learning techniques to help people absorb — and remember — they key characters, geography and major themes of the entire New Testament.

Auditorium floors are turned into "maps" as people sit or stand near "Bible lands and waters." Conducted by teachers from Walk Thru the Bible Ministries, the seminars are frequently punctuated by hand movements and group recitations. In just five hours, virtually anyone is able to master a survey of the New Testament, even if they had very little previous Bible knowledge.

Pastors agree that for too many people, reading the Bible is a struggle because they don't know the history or geography of Bible lands. "Walk Thru the Bible" is the best way to overcome that barrier in just a few entertaining hours. Even seminary graduates can learn from this seminar.

For more information, contact Peggy Agee at Baylake United Methodist Church, 464-2423.

The Virginia Beach Sun

Walk for Children will benefit CHKD

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon of family entertainment, wholesome activities, great food and good fellowship, including a two-mile stroll around the region's only mountain.

The 1999 Walk for the Children is set for May 8 from 2 to 6 p.m., at Mount Trashmore Park in Virginia Beach. The minimum pledge to CHKD is $10 for individual walkers or only $25 for a family of up to five. Individuals as well as corporate, church, civic organization and military unit teams and their families are invited to participate. Strollers and dogs on leashes are welcome.

Included in the afternoon's program are clowns, face painting, costumed characters, carnival games and activities, including a Moonwalk and a Bungee Run. Musical entertainment will be provided by some of the area's most popular artists and groups, including Calypso Nuts, Warren Seaburg and Tammy Gardner. The popular Kid's Cove play area also is nearby, and a fully-equipped CHKD Mobile Intensive Care Unit will be on display.

Prizes and awards will be given based on pledge money raised by each preregistered walker. First place adult prize is a ticket for two to the annual Holly Ball in December at Norfolk's Sheraton Waterside Hotel; the elegant charity ball includes cocktails, dinner and dancing.

Proceeds from the walk will go toward the purchase and equipping of a new Mobile Intensive Care Unit. CHKD has two such vehicles on call 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Staffed by a dedicated team of nurses, paramedics and respiratory therapists, these units transport critically-ill or injured children from other area medical facilities to the highly-specialized pediatric environment of CHKD. Many are fragile, premature newborns, hanging precariously to life and just minutes or a few hours old. Others are victims of traumatic accidents or incidents or children suffering from life-threatening complications of debilitating and deadly diseases.

This annual spring project of the Norfolk City Union of The King's Daughters (NCUKD), the founding organization of CHKD, provides an excellent opportunity for families, friends, neighbors and co-workers to join together in a fun event for a worthwhile cause — to provide the very best medical care for the region's children. For more information call the NCUKD, 668-8098.

Special blessing

The Holy Family Project of St. Matthews Catholic Church in Virginia Beach was dedicated recently and blessed by Bishop Walter F. Sullivan. Pictured, from left, are: the Rev. Tim Drake, pastor of St. Matthews Parish; Wilfredo Quilon, sculptor of the statue; and Sullivan.

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Vintage car buffs rev engines

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only for the thrill of winning — no prize money is awarded and no points standings are kept.

That's fine with Chris Gross of Centerport, Long Island, who brought his 1960 Austin Healey bugeye sprite valued at $13,000 to Virginia Beach. Gross won a Sports Car Club of America national championship in 1971 at age 29, but the stress of that experience convinced him to sell his car in 1973 and take up sailing.

He returned to racing vintage automobiles in 1995, getting help along the way from Geoffrey Heller of Dublin, Ohio.

Heller's only job is to make sure these restored cars are race-ready.

"We wouldn't be out here if we didn't want to win."

Chris Gross, car buff

He travels the country on the SVRA circuit making sure the owners' cars are ready for the weekend.

Heller brought five cars to Virginia Beach: a 1956 Lotus 11, 1958 Elva Courier, 1957 Elva MKIII, a 1959 Lotus 17, and Gross' bugeye sprite, which went for $1,300 in 1960.

As Gross pointed out, this sport can be expensive, but that doesn't make it any less competitive.

"This is gentleman's racing, but people still want to win," said Gross, a 56-year-old environmental consultant. "We wouldn't be out here if we didn't want to win."

Chuck Geib didn't care who about winners or losers on Sunday. The Kempsville man came to the base with his wife, Kim, and son, Nicholas, with one goal in mind.

"Being here, I don't have to go home and cut the grass," he said.

Sitting behind him were his wife's parents, Winn and Judy Rittall of Virginia Beach. The Rittalls are members of the Tidewater Corvair Club, so classic cars are a favorite subject.

Winn said his racing days will have to wait - for a fat paycheck.

"It makes my wallet have the wanders - and I wonder," Rittall said. "You'd like to be out there in the driver's seat. I guess the best I can do is go home and get in my Corvair."

Event proceeds benefited the U.S. Navy's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund. Race organizer Bill Thumel of Virginia Beach did not have a figure on the total amount raised by press time.

While the event did have its drawbacks — no public address announcer and an abrasive track that shredded tires — Thumel was encouraged by the 5,000-plus spectators, racers and crew members who converged on the base.

He said organizers were to meet Tuesday to discuss ways to improve the event.

City receives prestigious U.S. Senate Productivity Award

The city of Virginia Beach has been recognized as the top quality and productivity public sector organization in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

As the recipient of the prestigious Senate Productivity and Quality Award for Virginia, the city of Virginia Beach received the 1998 Medallion of Excellence Award for Public Sector Local Agencies at the annual awards ceremony in Richmond Thursday.

Virginia Beach city government was recognized for its organizational quality, strategic planning, productivity and continuous improvement efforts after being evaluated along with other statewide applicants.

The selection criteria included an on-site visit at which the city demonstrated measurable quality and productivity results. The SPAQ Medallion of Excellence is the highest level of recognition presented statewide for productivity and quality excellence.

Since 1980, Virginia Beach's productivity and quality initiatives have resulted in more than $56 million in savings for the city and more than $14 million on cost avoidance. More than 2,000 services have been enhanced and nearly 2,500 processes have been improved while eliminating nearly 500 positions through attrition.

During 1998, efforts due largely to the Virginia Beach Quality Service System (VBQSS) resulted in $7.5 million in savings for the city and $4.6 million in cost avoidance.

"We are delighted that the city of Virginia Beach is a recipient of the Medallion of Excellence," said James K. Spore, Virginia Beach city manager. This recognition by the U.S. Senate validates that our Virginia Beach Quality Service System is working. We could not have achieved this success without the support of City Council and the dedication and hard work of our employees and volunteers."

VBQSS is the city's collaborative, systems approach to building a more efficient organization and improving customer service, utilizing cross-functions teams and workgroups to solve problems and improve processes.

The foundation of the VBQSS discipline are its core strategies which are: Systems Thinking; Achieving Multiple Outcomes; Taking a Long Term View; Being Proactive and Preventing Problems; Creating Dialogue; Relationships and Partnerships; Taking a Quality Approach; Valuing and Promoting Diversity and Being Responsible Stewards.

Virginia Beach city government was recognized for its organizational quality, strategic planning, productivity and continuous improvement.

The awards celebration is being held in conjunction with the Virginia Forum for Excellence.

The U.S. Senate Productivity and Quality Award (SPQA) recipients are selected by the SPAQ board who collectively represent many years of quality and productivity experience.

Youths take over City Hall for day

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"While you are here today, think of the city's vision. When you leave high school and finish college, hopefully you'll come back to Virginia Beach to live and take advantage of the economic and social opportunities," he said.

"And hopefully you'll want to be a part of your community. Maybe today will whet your appetite to work as a city or school official, but even if you work in the private sector, maybe you'll have an appreciation for the kind of work we do."

Mayor Meyera Obemdorf said she the city government was trying to strengthen education and economic development in the Beach.

"The two run parallel," she told the students. "We want you to have the best education possible to take advantage of the opportunities available. And in return, we are trying to bring companies here that will pay you what you need when you set out on your own."

She said she looked forward to the annual event so she can meet and talk candidly with students from across the city. "It gives us all a lot of insight. You have a lot to teach us adults."

"The Official for a Day program is a great way to recognize Virginia Beach student leaders for contributing to their schools and community," said project chairman Rodney Asistin. "By having firsthand knowledge of school division and city operations, we will be better prepared for our role in the future of our city."

And then the learning began. Coupled with an adult, students paired off and occupied offices throughout the municipal complex.

Students teamed with official in City Hall were given a tour of Oberndorf's office — getting a first hand look at memorabilia from the Beach's sister cities in Japan and Ireland, and a photo of the mayor with the president and vice president. Later, they journeyed out to City Council Chambers and polished some leadership skills.

Under the direction of City Clerk Ruth Hodges Smith. Tallwood High School student Althea Decipulo, Kellum High School student Sarah Maloney, Kempsville High School student Nicole Colloura, and Green Run High School student Helen Roy sat at the councilmen's seats and voted on mock resolution.

In a 3-1 vote both times, the girls repealed the 50-cent phone tax which would pay for school technology, and appropriated funding to place monitoring cameras on school buses.

Colloura and Roy accompanied Smith to her office, and got a taste of what it was like to be a very busy public official. Some of Smith's responsibilities include work for City Council, liaison for the mayor's Sister City Commission, Passport Agent, and preparing budgets for three commissions and councils. She is also keeper of the city's seal, and must approve any document or items on which the seal is placed.

"This gives the students real insight as to what is involved in running the city," said Smith. "I look forward to having them come and visit our office every year — for me its a good chance to explain what a city clerk does, and an opportunity to share thoughts and ideas."

She said she's had as many as four students shadow her during the event, and found it rewarding several years ago when she recognized one of them speaking before council. "Even if this doesn't persuade them to enter public service as a career, it can help make them better citizens."

And that's the conclusion Colloura came to. "I really enjoyed this day. Information about government operations can be confusion — this helped clear some of the issues up. It gives me a greater appreciation for what public officials do."

Autograph this, Mr. Mitchell

Tricia Trodne gets the autograph of Washington Redskins running back Brian Mitchell during the opening of the new Sprint PCS store on Virginia Beach Boulevard. The event featured a scavenger hunt followed by a celebrity autograph session. The hunt tied clues to Sprint's exclusive sponsorship of the Virginia Legends Walk, the state's newest tourist attraction to open this summer at the Beach. The walk will spotlight 24 Virginians, past and present, who shaped the nation and the world.

Committee recommends planning

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Warnstaff said that the City Council and School Board have made a commitment to repair, renovate and replace the city's older infrastructure and has included funds in the budget for maintenance and renewal projects.

Still, there is still a gap between what is needed for maintenance and what funding sources are available.

The committee has recommended an expansion to include an inventory and assessment of all classes of city infrastructure of the Department of public works budget forecasting program. This program analyzes the condition of road pavement and forecasts the annual budget requirement to maintain the city's roadway pavement at various service levels.

Other recommendations are:

■ Until the city has a comprehensive inventory and assessment of the infrastructure, annual funding for maintenance and repair should be based on the industry standard of 2 percent to 4 percent of the replacement value of the infrastructure.

■ A joint City Council/city staff committee should be created to examine various funding alternatives and to recommend the best sources and mechanisms for maintaining the city infrastructure over the long term. The infrastructure committee is composed of two City Council members, and city and school staff. Included are councilmembers Margaret L. Eure and Nancy K. Parker. Warnstaff, David Grochmal, general services; George N. Tavaras, public works, city attorney Leslie L. Lilley; Walter Kraemer, management services, and Leslie L. Lilley, city attorney.

Since Virginia Beach is a young city, the committee recommended that the needs are not as great and a goal of providing 2 percent of replacement value for infrastructure maintenance would be appropriate.

Virginia Beach has budgeted $94,937,557 for infrastructure maintenance repair which is 1.7 percent of estimated replacement value. The proposed budget includes $101,302,352 for maintenance and repair or 1.82 percent of replacement value.

The committee estimates that increasing maintenance repair funding by approximately $1 million annually compounded over 12 years, the goal of 2 percent can be achieved.

Warnstaff recommended that the city not be too focused on that 2 percent, which is an industry standard. He said that the city may find it too high.

Eure said that she found that Virginia Beach was ahead of the curve and was delighted to be in the city of Virginia Beach. She said other cities would like to be in this city's position.

Councilwoman Barbara Henley noted that the city was low on road and storm drainage maintenance. Henley said she gets more complaints about drainage than anything else.

The committee stressed finding outside source by working with the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) and the state General Assembly delegation to support more permanent and adequate state support for school, roadway and other infrastructure maintenance and repair.

Also recommended was working with HRPDC, the Virginia Municipal League and the Virginia Association of Counties, the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce and other groups to change the formula, increasing the state allocation of roadway maintenance funding per lane mile for the region.

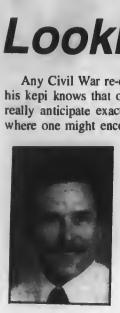
The reallocation of resources was also recommended. This would include policies such as treating infrastructure maintenance and repair costs as fixed costs for new projects; developing a council policy establishing an infrastructure maintenance and repair funding target — meanwhile, approximately $1 million a year compounded over 12 years should achieve this goal; studying the feasibility of an internal service fund for administrative/municipal building operations, maintenance and repair and establishing a rental fee for space users similar to the risk management or information technology internal service fund.

Also, all new infrastructure projects might be considered as candidates for privatization, outsourcing or public/private venture initiatives to reduce the public maintenance and repair requirements associated with new infrastructure.

Photo by Traveler

BOB AND BOB. Re-enactor Bob Moates as Gen. Robert E. Lee and columnist Bob Ruegsegger as Lee's orderly "Lil' Bob" enjoy a moment together.

Looking out for General Lee



Out in Left Field

By Bob Ruegsegger, columnist

Any Civil War re-enactor worth his kepi knows that one can never really anticipate exactly when and where one might encounter one of the war's luminaries.

As a Civil War re-enactment correspondent, I had the dual pleasure of meeting General Robert E. Lee and Lt. Col. Walter Taylor, a member of Lee's staff. This chance encounter took place after a recent Battle of Mechanicsville re-enactment at Endview Plantation in Newport News.

General Lee was portrayed by Bob Moates of Charlotte Court House and Lt. Col. Walter Taylor was portrayed by Owen Crump.

I first spotted Moates, as General Lee, from a distance of about 25 yards. I could have sworn that it was old "Marse Bob" himself. Rubbing my eyes, I moved closer. He looked as if he had just stepped out of a Mathew Brady photograph. For just an instant, I was lost in time — 1862 — to be exact.

Finally, I snapped back into the 20th century and asked the general if he would allow me to photograph him. After I vowed to be quicker than Brady, he magnanimously agreed and was solicitous enough to ask if I desired to pose with him for the photo.

"Is butter and honey good on cornbread?" I responded. He didn't have to ask twice.

After our business was concluded, the general most politely dismissed me.

Indeed! General Lee had pressing military business to consider. However, Taylor was able to spend a few additional minutes with me to relate some of his personal observations while serving on General Lee's staff.

"I tell people that I've got the best job in the Confederate Army because the general keeps a hen that stays in his tent under his cot."

That hen provides eggs for the general's breakfast, and she's his constant traveling companion. Lee refers to her as Henrietta.

"That's probably one of the better kept secrets of the Confederate Army," laughed Taylor.

General Lee's horse, Traveler, and Henrietta do not get along. They do not always see eye to eye on matters involving food.

"He appeared, once or twice, when she would get on his back to be a little flustered," recalled Taylor "Henrietta usually rode in the wagon, and I think, that he thought that was a little too much," Taylor allowed.

"Of course, she gets first pick of the corn, and Traveler gets a little jealous of that, you know," Taylor said. "I guess, he figured that if she got the first pick of the corn that she needed to walk on her own rather than ride," he added.

Taylor counted his blessings. "I've been fortunate," he said. "Although I was there at Malvern Hill, I didn't actually participate in the battle. I was in reserve," he explained. "I did get in a little ruckus just outside of Richmond, a place called Seven Pines."

He lowered his voice to almost a whisper because he didn't want it generally known that he was a relative. General Lee. After all, the general was not supposed to "play favorites."

"I was fortunate enough to have distantly related to the Lee family," the colonel confided. "Consequently, I think, that's why I ended up with the job I have," he admitted.

The young colonel's mother, it seemed, wrote the general and requested the appointment of her "Walter" to General Lee's staff.

"That's the way I understand it, " smiled Taylor. "She'll never admit it, but that's why I have the job that I have today," he said candidly.

Taylor seemed content with his current station in life, but the young colonel has a eye to the future — to independence. "I look forward to it's my job to see to General Lee's safety, health and comfort," said Taylor.

"I see to it that his food is prepared and that his orders are dispersed," he explained. "I also receive officers into the camp and frequently write out verbal orders that I receive from him.

"He simply does not have the time to write all of his orders," observed Taylor.

Finally, I snapped back into the 20th century and asked the general if he would allow me to photograph him. After I vowed to be quicker than Brady, he magnanimously agreed and was solicitous enough to ask if I desired to pose with him for the photo.

In addition, Taylor is charged with the selection of suitable sites for Lee's camp and the feeding and care of the general's horses.

"General Lee would rather that we neglect him than to neglect a horse," confided Taylor.

He insisted that he had experienced little difficulty in tending to the general's routine needs.

"Basically, it's pretty easy. He's a mellow-natured man," remarked Taylor candidly. "If he's got coffee early in the morning, his horse is well-tended, his bed is made, and his uniform is cleaned and pressed, that's about it."

At times, General Lee has tended to prepare his own meals although he is, strictly speaking, not obliged to do so. Upon occasion, he has also been known to perform a bit of manual labor.

"Occasionally, you will actually see privates run up and say, 'General, you're not supposed to be doing that work,'" noted Taylor. "The general would look around and say, 'Well, no one else was doing it,'" he recalled.

"That's pretty typical of him," observed Taylor. "Keeping him happy is a pretty easy job."

But the general was not without his preferences and prejudices.

"He's awfully fond of fried chicken," said Taylor. "In fact, rumor has it that chickens roost real high when General Lee's staff comes around."

"In the morning, he has good cornbread, fried eggs, and bacon," he said. "That's every day. He doesn't like his breakfast substituted at all.

"Of course, that's a pretty easy breakfast to prepare," Taylor acknowledged. "Again, he's a man of modest taste and easy to please."

"Although she's not here right now," observed Taylor, "most times being a part of the honor guard at the inauguration of President Lee," said Taylor.

"If this thing goes in our favor," speculated Taylor, "I'm sure that the people of the South would immediately attempt to elect him president."

According to Taylor, the general has no political aspirations. While Lee probably would initially decline election as president, Taylor believes that ultimately the general's sense of duty would compel him to serve if elected.

Although no man on his staff or in the Confederate Army would ever think of calling General Lee anything but "general," Lee, according to Taylor, thinks of himself as a colonel.

It was Lee's custom to wear the insignia of a colonel on his collar because he believed that he was never commissioned a general.

"Although the title 'general' will never escape his name, he will always see himself as a colonel," Taylor contended.

Taylor has few doubts about the eventual triumph of the Confederate Army and the people of the South over the ignoble Federal aggressors.

"There are very few Federals that I've had the chance to talk to. They seem to be totally confused about what they're fighting for," Taylor maintained. "The Southern soldier, on the other hand, knows that he is fighting a second revolution for independence."

"I believe that the will to fight and the will to win is in our favor," said Taylor in earnest.

Other than perhaps Traveler, the general's favorite mount, few of Lee's war time compatriots knew General Lee more intimately than did Lt. Colonel Walter Taylor.

Speaking with Taylor about General Lee is almost as good as getting the word straight from the horse's mouth.

While Traveler proved to be an affable enough companion when General Lee was in the saddle, most members of the general's staff acknowledged that Traveler was somewhat less than a brilliant conversationalist.

LEGAL NOTICES

The annual Report of the Rashkind Family Foundation is available for inspection at 4529 East Honeygrove Road, Suite 307, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455, during working hours Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by any citizen who requests inspection within 180 days.

Julian Rashkind
Foundation Manager
(757) 363-8200.

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE'S SALE
7108A Oceanfront Avenue
City of Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated November 1, 1991, recorded March 9, 1992, Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia in Deed Book 3064, page 1198, securing a loan which was originally $150,000, default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee, after having given at least fourteen (14) days prior written notice to the owner of the property of the date, time, place and terms of sale, will offer for sale to the highest bidder at public auction on:

May 10, 1999 at 9:00 a.m.

At the front steps of Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne Rd. & North Landing Rd., Virginia Beach, Virginia, the property and improvements thereon, together with an undivided interest in the common elements, briefly described as Unit A in that certain condominium entitled 7108 Oceanfront Avenue, a Condominium, located in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, GPIN No. 2419-76-1030-3400, "the Property." For a more particular description of the Property to be sold, reference is made to the aforesaid Deed of Trust, Exhibit "A".

TERMS OF SALE: All cash at settlement. A deposit of 10% of the bid amount in cash or certified check shall be required at time of sale from all bidders. The balance shall be paid at settlement, to be held within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale in the office of the Substitute Trustee. The Trustee reserves the right to: (i) waive the deposit requirement as to the holder of any note secured by a deed of trust encumbering any part of the property; (ii) approve the creditworthiness of any bidder and final purchaser; (iii) withdraw the Property from sale at any time prior to the termination of bidding; (iv) keep the bidding open for any length of time; (v) reject any and all bids and (vi) postpone the sale to another date one or more times.

In the event the purchaser fails to settle as required, the deposit shall be forfeited and the Property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense.

All costs of conveyance, which shall be by special warranty deed, including examination of title, recording charges, notary fees and settlement fees, including preparation of the deed and grantor's tax thereon shall be at the cost of the purchaser. Real estate taxes shall be prorated to date of sale. Rents and other expenses of the Property shall not be prorated.

The Property shall be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed "AS IS" without representation or warranty of any kind. This sale and any purchaser's interest acquired in this sale is SUBJECT TO the liens of two prior deeds of trust recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 2865, page 957 to secure $425,000 and interest, in Deed Book 2908, page 2091 to secure $50,000 and interest; and subject to condominium documents, conditions, restrictions, rights-of-way, easements, and reservations, if any, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust.

Delivery of possession of the Property will not be provided by the Trustee. The Purchaser will be required to execute a Memorandum of Sale concerning the purchase of the Property, a copy of which will be available before announcing the sale.

VIRGINIA MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., Substitute Trustee
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Grayson Fentriss, Esquire
3318 Semmes Avenue
Richmond, VA 23224
Telephone: (804) 232-1179

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
340 Taldan Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Michael W. Aldridge and Narseine A. Aldridge dated December 23, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3693, page 11, securing a loan which was originally $91,820.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on May 14, 1999 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot N, in Block 64, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Argona Village, Section 11." Tax Map #1477-26-1316.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of $9,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.

NP994882
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
750 Miller Drive, Suite C2
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
5920 Buckminister Lane
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Larry A. Simms dated November 7, 1978 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 1841, page 424, securing a loan which was originally $42,200.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on May 5, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 54, on that plat entitled "Subdivision of Wesleyan Forest." Tax Map #1468-02-5283-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of $2,800.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP994765
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
750 Miller Drive, Suite C2
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

Virginia:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH
Commonwealth of Virginia,
Plaintiff v.
$320.00 United States Currency (James D. Berry) CL97-002749;
1997 Dodge Van, VIN#: B11AB7X231579, LIC#: ZMP-2315, (Terry Cofer), CL98-001871;
$1,300.00 United States Currency (Emmett Reid Linwood), CL95-000546;
$509.00 United States Currency (Jamie J. Poole), (Cyrus G. Robinson), (Wynnette J. Chatman), (Benjamin Schubert), CL97-002798;
$400.00 United States Currency, (Christopher Clay Siegel), (Holly Marion Wilson), CL99-105;
$1450.00 United States Currency, (John B. Taylor), (William Stimpson), CL97-3384;
$530.00 United States Currency, (James Carter Walker), (Sabrina Walker), CL98-001555;
$3,177.00 United States Currency, (Donnell S. Wiggins), (Sherrita R. George), (Anthony Cameron), CL98-002403; Defendants.

Order of Publication And Affidavit

THIS DAY CAME the Attorney for the Commonwealth and moved this Honorable Court to forfeit to the Commonwealth of Virginia the above referenced items that were seized between January 5, 1995 and December 17, 1998.

An information was made, signed and filed with the Circuit Court clerk's Office on each of the above matters. Said information stated the owner(s) of the property and the last known address(es) of the owner(s) at the time the Information was filed.

It appearing that the whereabouts of the owners is currently unknown, and that a registered letter has been mailed to their last known addresses, it is hereby ORDERED, that all parties appear on or before July 21, 1999, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said property, including but not limited to filing a written Answer under oath, and setting the matter for trial on another date.

It is further ORDERED that pursuant to Section 19.2-386.3(B) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach.

Certified to be a TRUE COPY of record in my custody J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, VA.
By: B. Murden, Deputy Clerk
ENTER this 6th day of April, 1999.
Alan E. Rosenblatt, Judge
I ask for this:
ROBERT J. HUMPHREYS
COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY
By Mary Gessler
Mary Y. Gessler
Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney
Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney
2305 Judicial Boulevard
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456-9050

I, Mary Y. Gessler, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, after having first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

That pursuant to Section 8.01-316 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the above listed parties.

Mary Gessler, Affiant
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, to-wit:

I, Sharon Elizabeth Hunter, a Notary Public in and for the City and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing Affidavit of Mary Y. Gessler, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, was sworn to and subscribed to before me this 5th day of April, 1999.

Sharon E. Hunter
Notary Public
My Commission Expires May 31, 1999.

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
312 Harrier Street
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Grimaldi Murphy and Sofia Murphy dated April 9, 1986 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 2495, page 2167, securing a loan which was originally $57,750.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on May 14, 1999 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 1, Block B, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Northridge, Section 3." Tax Map #1467-76-1963-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of $5,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP994629
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
750 Miller Drive, Suite C2
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
6112 Tradewinds Court
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Neal W. Pinkerman and Lynn

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M. Pinkerman dated February 23, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3589, page 1057, securing a loan which was originally $87,300.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on May 14, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 19, in Block K, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Plat of Level Green Subdivision, Site One, Part Three." Tax Map #1456-31-3250-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of $84,100.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.

NP994872

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
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Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
649 S. Atlantic Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Walter E. Burke dated February 25, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3710, page 2090, securing a loan which was originally $46,800.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on May 14, 1999 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 21, in Block 19, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Croatan Beach." Tax Map #2426 38 6969 0000.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 12, 1999 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

1. An Ordinance upon Application of 3 Mac Associates, L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural Districts to Conditional R-20 Residential District on certain property located on the east side of Seaboard Road at the intersection with Bernadotte Street. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional R-20 is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 20,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan designates this parcel as being in the Transition Area and recommends use of this parcel for appropriate growth opportunities, consistent with the economic vitality policies of Virginia Beach. Said parcel contains 19.1 acres more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Turner & Associates Realty, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-15 Residential District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southwest corner of Elbow Road and Indian River Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential densities at or below 3.5 dwelling units per acre that are compatible with single-family in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 10.923 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Turner & Associates Realty, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station (gas pumps) in conjunction with a convenience store on certain property located at the southwest corner of Elbow Road and Indian River Road. Said parcel contains 1.17 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

4. An Ordinance upon Application of John S. Waller for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Residential District to Conditional I-1 Light Industrial District on certain property located on the north side of Robert Jackson Drive beginning at a point 260 feet more or less east of Gimbert Drive. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional I-1 is for light industrial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential densities at or below 3.5 dwelling units per acre that are compatible with single-family in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contain 7.085 acres. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

5. An Ordinance upon Application of CH Partners, L.P., for a Conditional Use Permit for an open space promotion on certain property located on the south side of Indian River Road, east of Hillcrest Farms Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 3889 Indian River Road and contains 99.62 acres. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Beach Auto Group, Inc., T/A Atlantic Truck Center, for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle rentals on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, east of Highway Lane. Said parcel is located at 1752 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 38,500 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

7. An Ordinance upon Application of London Bridge Baptist Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church addition on the north side of Potters Road, west of London Bridge Road. Said parcel is located at 2460 Potters Road and contains 24.435 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

8. An Ordinance upon Application of Shahram Ahmadi for a Conditional Use Permit for car sales and service on the south side of Laskin Road, east of Maxey Drive. Said parcel is located at 1925 Laskin Road and contains 1.0331 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Herman Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a recreational facility of an outdoor nature on certain property located on the west side of Atlantic Avenue, south of 3rd Street. Said parcel is located at 108 Atlantic Avenue and contains 1.604 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

10. An Ordinance upon Application of Westminster-Canterbury of Hampton Roads, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for satellite parking on Lot C-1, Parcel C, Bayville Farms. Property is located on the south side of Shore Drive, 258.17 feet east of First Court Road and contains 3.4 acres. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

11. An Ordinance upon Application of MRP Design Group for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station in conjunction with a convenience store and an automobile repair shop (auto detailing) at the northeast corner of Holland Road and Lynnhaven Parkway. Said parcel is located at 3282 Holland Road and contains 1.853 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

12. An Ordinance upon Application of Dignity Funeral Services, Inc./dba Altmeyer Funeral Homes for a Conditional Use Permit a crematory addition on the north side of Greenwich Road, east of Newtown Road. Said parcel is located at 5792 Greenwich Road and contains 1.12 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

13. An Ordinance upon Application of Virginia Beach School Board for a Conditional Use Permit for a communication tower on certain property located on the east side of Mill Dam Road, south of Indian Run Drive. Said parcel is located at 1272 Mill Dam Road and contains 27.59 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

STREET CLOSURE:

14. Application of ARAI SEISAKUSHO COMPANY, LTD., for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of the cul-de-sac at the northeast terminus of Bayside Road. Said parcel contains 3673 square feet. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

15. Application of Kopassis Construction, Inc., a Virginia Corporation for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of an unimproved portion of Mill Dam Road located at the northwest corner of Mili Dam Road and Shoveller Avenue. Said parcel contains 1,947 square feet. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

AMENDMENT:

16. An Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 104 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to violations and penalties.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

17. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Robert Steinhilber. Property is located on the east side of Blackwater Road north of the intersection with Indian Creek Road. Parcel is located at 5924 Blackwater Road. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 3/10/99:

18. An Ordinance upon Application of Robert Steinhilber for a Conditional Use Permit for an alternative residential development on the east side of Blackwater Road, north of the intersection with Indian Creek Road. Said parcel is located at 5924 Blackwater Road and contains 82.202 acres more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 1/13/99:

19. An Ordinance to amend Sections 236, 901, 1501, 1511 and 1521 of the City Zoning Ordinance, requiring conditional use permits for certain types of passenger vessels in the B-2, B-4, RT-1, RT-2 and RT-3 Zoning Districts and increasing vehicular parking requirements for commercial marinas where certain types of passenger vehicles are moored.

REFERRED BACK TO PLANNING COMMISSION BY CITY COUNCIL ON 3/23/99:

20. An Ordinance upon Application of Princess House, L.L.C., for a Conditional Use Permit for housing for the aged on certain property on the east side of Princess Anne Road, 180 feet north of Baxter Road. Said parcel contains 5.014 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 4/14/99:

21. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Beco Building Associates, a Virginia general partnership. Property is located on the north side of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 800 feet more or less west of Seaboard Road. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

22. An Ordinance upon Application of Beco Building Associates, a Virginia general partnership, for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural Districts and R-20 Residential District to Conditional R-10 Residential District on certain property located on the north side of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 800 feet more or less west of Seaboard Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional R-10 is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 10,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/low density at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said property contains 101.5 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

23. An Ordinance upon Application of Enchanted Forest Nursery and Tree Farm L.L.C., for a Conditional Use Permit for bulk storage and sales on certain property located on the south side of Indian Creek Road beginning at a point 1000 feet more or less east of Crags Causeway. Said parcel contains 31.897 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

24. An Ordinance upon application of the City of Virginia Beach (motion of the Planning Commission) to amend Section 1510 of the City Zoning Ordinance to redesignate the general areas in which the RT-2 Resort Tourist District is located. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection at the Department of Planning.

25. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach (motion of the Planning Commission) to amend the official zoning map by changing the zoning district classification of all parcels of land within the RT-3 Resort Tourist District east of Pacific Avenue, west of Atlantic Avenue, south of 40th Street and north of 4th Street to the RT-2 Resort Tourist District zoning district classification. The RT-2 Resort Tourist District is intended to provide areas for resort hotels and appropriate mixtures of other complementary uses. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection at the Department of Planning. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Robert J. Scott
Planning Director

Copies of the proposed ordinances, resolutions and amendments are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning. For information call 427-4621.

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Public Notice

Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, May 11, 1999 at 2:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

1. An Ordinance upon Application of bg Construction Corp., a Virginia corporation for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 & AG-2 Agricultural Districts to Conditional R-10 Residential District with Historic and Cultural District Overlay on certain property located at the northeast corner of Holland Road and Princess Anne Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional R-10 is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 10,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/low density at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan polices. Said parcel contains 16.52 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Baymark Construction Corporation for Changes of Zoning District Classification on the following parcels:

Parcel 1: AG-1 Agricultural District to Conditional AG-1 Agricultural District with a PD-H1 Planned Unit Development District Overlay on property located 600 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 7600 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 2: AG-1 Agricultural District to Conditional AG-1 Agricultural District with a PD-H1 Planned Unit Development District Overlay on property located 3400 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 3300 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 3: AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional AG-2 Agricultural District with a PD-H1 Planned Unit Development District Overlay on property located 2550 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 4850 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 4: AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional AG-2 Agricultural District with a PD-H1 Planned Unit Development District Overlay on property located 3050 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 3650 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 5: AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional AG-2 Agricultural District with a PD-H1 Planned Unit Development District Overlay on property located 2500 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 2550 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 6: R-40 Residential District to Conditional R-40 Residential District with a PD-H1 Planned Unit Development District Overlay on property located on the north side of Indian River Road beginning at a point 5200 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 7: R-20 Residential District to Conditional R-20 Residential District with a PD-H1 Planned Unit Development District overlay on property located on the north side of Indian River Road beginning at a point 5600 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 8: AG-1 Agricultural District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 2850 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 4750 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 9: AG-1 Agricultural District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 3400 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 3750 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 10: AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 2730 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 4800 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 11: AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 2300 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 3200 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 12: AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 4050 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 1520 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 13: AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 2050 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 2150 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 14: R-20 Residential District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 1850 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 5000 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 15: R-20 Residential District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 600 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 3650 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

Parcel 16: R-40 Residential District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on property located 550 feet more or less north of Indian River Road beginning at a point 3750 feet more or less west of West Neck Road.

The proposed zoning classification changes to Conditional PD-H1 and Conditional P-1 are for mixed land use. The Comprehensive Plan designates this site as being in the Transition area. The Transition area for this parcel is planned for appropriate growth opportunities consistent with the economic vitality policies of Virginia Beach. Said parcels contains 419.8 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Baymark Construction Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit for a golf course on certain property located on the west side of West Neck Road beginning at a point 4630 feet more or less south of North Landing Road. Said parcel contains 112.585 acres.? DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Robert G. & Donna S. Brewer for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional B-1A Limited Community Business District on certain property located 470 feet more or less north of N. Landing Road, beginning at a point 550 feet more or less east of George Mason Drive. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-1A is for low intensity commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan designates this parcel as being in the Transition Area. This area is planned for appropriate growth opportunities, consistent with the economic vitality policies of Virginia Beach in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 3.9 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Robert G. & Donna S. Brewer for a Conditional Use Permit for a self-storage facility on certain property located 470 feet more or less north of N. Landing Road, beginning at a point 550 feet more or less east of George Mason Drive. Said parcel contains 3.9 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Ali Hambaz for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station in conjunction with a convenience store and a car wash on the east side of S. Independence Boulevard, south of South Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 360 and 368 S. Independence Boulevard and contains 2.2 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE

AMENDMENTS:

7. An Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 8.1 of the Subdivision Regulations of the City Code by increasing fees charged for subdivision plat review.

8. An Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 3.2 of the Site Plan Ordinance of the City Code by increasing the fees charged for site development plan review.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

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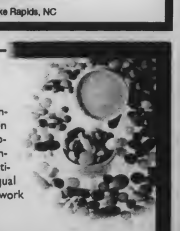

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Bacon, eggs and breakfast with the animals at VMSM

What do harbor seals eat for breakfast? How about sharks? What goes on behind the scenes of a world-class aquarium?

Find out during the Virginia Marine Science Museum's first-ever Breakfast with the Animals. Created for museum members and their guests, the event will take place on Saturday in the museum's Main Building from 8 to 10 a.m.

Non-members who would like to become a museum member are welcome to attend and purchase a family or individual membership that morning.

During the two-hour event, members will enjoy a specially prepared breakfast in the Promenade Room overlooking Owls Creek. Afterwards, members and their guests will have the opportunity to go behind the scenes during guided tours where they can ask questions and interact with museum aquarists and husbandry staff to find out what it takes to feed the hundreds of animals that call the museum home. Also, the main museum building will be open for the enjoyment of members and their guests only.

Admission to the museum is free for members. Breakfast for the event is $4.95 (plus tax) for members and $7.95 (plus tax) for members' guests. To reserve call, 437-6010.

As an individual or family Virginia Marine Science Museum member, you are supporting the museum's mission to increase the public's knowledge and appreciation of Virginia's marine environment and inspire commitment to preserve its existence.

An individual membership is $50 per year and includes free unlimited museum admission for the member and one guest for the entire year, $1 off IMAX move tickets, subscription to the *Lookdown* quarterly museum newsletter and program guide, 10 percent discount on merchandise in both museum stores and the Osprey Café, discounted fees for education programming, lectures, camps, children's birthday parties and craft classes and additional invitations to special members-only preview events.

A family membership is $80 per year and includes free unlimited admission for two heads of households and children under 18, plus two guests for the entire year, in addition to the benefits listed above.

The museum offers membership levels including a friend, partner, supporter, patron, benefactor and grand benefactor levels which include a variety of other special benefits. In addition, the museum also offers a Business Membership Program where businesses of all sizes can invest in the future of Virginia's marine environment. Call the membership coordinator, 437-6010, to discuss these programs.

Gifted teachers share talents

Windsor Woods Elementary School celebrated Fine Arts Month by highlighting the talents of its teachers. Faculty joined students and families during classroom performances for a week of activities. Among the events, teacher Sandra Yon, right, showed several instruments she has collected from her extensive travels, including a woodwind from the Australian aborigines. Faculty and staff also posed in from of the arts and crafts display in the school foyer.

HOME AND GARDEN

Have great-looking plants with the right fertilizer

Spring is a time for new beginnings. Make this the year your yard and garden get a fresh start. Having fantastic-looking trees, shrubs and other plants is a great way to showcase your property.

The pros agree that one of the best ways to get healthy, vigorous-looking plants is by using a chemical fertilizer. However, are you willing to risk the safety of your children, pets and even the environment by using one?

Believe it or not, you can have great-looking trees and shrubs without worrying about the effects fertilizers may have on your family, pets or surroundings. One of the best known fertilizers on the market is also one of the friendliest to the environment.

The popular Jobe's Fertilizer Spikes provide the right mix of nutrients for all outdoor gardening applications. And, because the plants receive the nutrients they need below ground when you use the spikes, there is no wasteful chemical runoff that could pollute lakes or streams.

Experts say that it's important to feed plants at the roots so that they get the vital nutrients they need. One of the best things about Jobe's Spikes is that, once they're inserted, the plants will receive those nutrients for three whole months.

Another nice thing about the fertilizer spikes is that not only are you nourishing plants at the roots, but you are avoiding the potential hazards, mess and smell of sprays and granular fertilizers.

Not only are the spikes environmentally friendly, but they're also easy to use. You don't have to be a professional gardener to use them. When you're ready to use Jobe's Spikes, just water the area where they're to be placed. Then, hammer the spike 1 inch to 2 inches below the ground's surface around the plant's drip line.

You can use the spikes for a variety of outdoor plants, including deciduous trees, fruit and nut trees, evergreens, shrubs, roses, flowering plants, aquatic plants, bulbs, container and bedding plants, garden vegetables, and more. The spikes are also available for indoor plants.

Representatives at Easy Gardener, the maker of Jobe's Spikes, say that spring is one of the best times to apply the environmentally safe fertilizer. So, make this the spring your yard really does get a new beginning. With the right fertilizer, you can have great-looking plants and be environmentally friendly.

Little Theatre presents 'Three Tall Women'

The Little Theatre of Virginia Beach will present "Three Tall Women" by Edward Albee.

Earning a Pultizer and three Best Play Awards for 1994, Albee has in "Three Tall Women" created a masterwork of modern theatre. As an acerbic old woman lies dying, she is tended to by two other women and visited by a young man.

Albee's frank dialogue about everything from incontinence to infidelity portrays aging without sentimentality. His scenes are charged with wit, pain and laughter and his observations tell us about forgiveness, reconciliation and our own fates."

The LTVB performance is directed by Bob Nelson and stars Betty Xander, Candy Dennis and Lisa Kearns.

Opening Night is Friday, May 14 at 8 p.m. and the show closes on Saturday, June 5. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m.

Performance dates are May 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 and June 4-5. Tickets are $12 general admission, $9 seniors and students and $9 Sunday matinee.

For reservations call, 428-9233.

Hours extended for Art Center's 'Dale Chihuly: Installations'

Evening hours have been extended until 8 p.m. on Tuesdays for the "Dale Chihuly: Installations" exhibition on view through June 27 at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia.

Chihuly's work at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia is the centerpiece of a regional exhibition titled "Art of Glass." The Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk and the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia in Virginia Beach joined forces to bring four of the world's most celebrated contemporary glass artists together for an exhibition of unprecedented magnitude. The exhibition is presented both as a stand-alone collaborative display and as the major visual element of the Third Annual Virginia Waterfront International Arts Festival (April 9-May 9), an internationally-recognized celebration of springtime and the arts in Southeastern Virginia.

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia is located at 2200 Parks Avenue in Virginia Beach. During "Dale Chihuly: Installations," gallery hours are Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

For more information about Art of Glass or Dale Chihuly: Installations, call the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, 425-0000. For travel information for the Virginia Waterfront International Arts Festival call, 664-6492.

Tickets are $10 for joint admission to the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia and the Chrysler Museum of Art or $6 for a single venue admission. Members of the museums are admitted free.

Change of doors can revitalize home decor

Before you paint, hang new wallpaper or install new carpeting, consider this simple, relatively low-cost home improvement — doors.

Adding or changing interior doors can add light, drama and new elegance to most living space says interior designer Diane Hill. Updating doors is an essential step in achieving a new look, she adds. Frequently, the effect is just short of miraculous.

"A change of interior doors can have as much impact, or more, as paint or wallpaper," says Hill. "One of the most fantastic differences I can recall was accomplished with new doors. As you entered the entranceway of this home, it was one great, big, dark hall of doors.

"We installed double French doors to admit light from the dining room and living room, with a single French door to the kitchen. Afterward, it was light, bright, airy and spacious."

Homeowners are catching on to the decorating possibilities of doors. "It's a low-cost way to add value to the home," says Dave Murray, marketing manager of North American door manufacturer Premdor Inc.

The experts at Premdor offer these tips for you to consider when choosing a door:

■ Don't just look for a low price or a pretty face. Performance counts too.

■ Consider the environment of your home and the air your family breathes. Only water-based, non-toxic glues should be used in the manufacturing process, and water-based paints and stains that don't give off gas or produce harmful vapors.

■ Sound-deadening qualities of doors vary widely, but are key for rooms where privacy is important.

■ Bedroom and kitchen doors should be fire-resistant.

■ High-use doors should be extra durable and scratch-resistant.

■ "If it's possible, slam the door to see how it sounds, because it's a sound you'll have to live with," Murray advises, "especially with kids."

■ The busier the design of the door, the less there should be in the area of the door, and the larger that area should be.

Sacred dance presented at ARE

An authentic performance of some of the most sacred tantric music, dance and percussion, deity sign language and parts of secret tantric practices of the Drikumg Kagyu tradition of Tibetan Buddhism will be performed at the Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE) at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18 and Saturday, May 22.

The performances will be held on the ARE Labyrinth Terrace or, in the event of rain, the ARE Visitors' Center Auditorium, both located at 215 67th St. in Virginia Beach. Bring lawn chairs for terrace seating.

On Wednesday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m., "Lucid Dying," a talk on Tibetan beliefs concerning death and dying will be given at the Visitors' Center Auditorium. A $10 donation is suggested for each activity.

For more information about these programs or ARE membership, call 428-3588 ext. 7400.

Champagne Jam: A bubbly treat

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia will present Champagne Jam on May 7 from 7 to 10 p.m. It will feature tastings of 14 champagnes from France, Italy, Australia and California set amid the glorious glass exhibition "Dale Chihuly: Installations.' Art and Co., the center's young support group popular for its annual sell-out beer and wine tasting events, sponsors the event along with Merrill Lynch, The Coast, WNIS and Havana.

Champagne distributors include Associated Distributors, Broudy-Kantor and Tri-Cities Beverage Corporation and representatives will be on hand to answer questions about the champagne offerings. Havana will serve tantalizing treats with a Cuban twist and live jazz music will complete the evening and fill the atrium with smooth sounds.

The galleries will be open the entire evening so that guests may enjoy the color and drama of the exhibition by glass superstar Dale Chihuly. The exhibition is part of the regional exhibition called 'Art of Glass,' which is the visual element of this year's Virginia Waterfront International Arts Festival. Dale Chihuly: Installations is on view at the center through June 27.

A silent auction will allow guests to bid on gift certificates, dinners and wine donated by area merchants. In addition to champagne, beer will be sold by the glass and free sodas will be available.

Champagne Jam tickets are $20 for Contemporary Art Center of Virginia and Art and Co. members, $25 for non-members and $30 the day of the event. Tickets may be purchased at Simply Selma's located on Colley Avenue in Norfolk or Parks Avenue in Virginia Beach (at the CAC); Baker's Crust in Norfolk on 21st Street and in Virginia Beach at Hilltop North; or by calling 425-0000 with Visa/Mastercard.

Since this is anticipated to be another sell-out event, we encourage people to purchase tickets early. The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia is located at 2200 Parks Ave. in Virginia Beach. Overflow parking is available at the Pavilion Center and the Visitor's Information Center. Proceeds benefit exhibitions and educational programming at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia.

Find your soul mate during special weekend

The Association for Research and Enlightenment in Virginia Beach will present a special Soul Mate Weekend May 14-16 designed to help you recognize, then embrace your outer and inner soul mate using universal laws available to all.

The Saturday evening keynote speaker will be best selling author and investigator of psychic and metaphysical phenomena Jess Stearn, researcher of the Edgar Cayce material for more than 40 years. Stearn's book "The Sleeping Prophet," brought worldwide attention to Cayce's remarkable gift.

Stearn, author of "Soul Mates" and "Intimates Through Time," will share stories and insights gained through years of interviewing and researching issues such as soul mates reincarnation. Charles Thomas Cayce will dialogue with Stearn about his ideas and will facilitate a discussion with conferees.

Opening the weekend of Soul Mate Search will be international speaker on the transpersonal nature of humankind, Kevin Todeschi, author of "Edgar Cayce On Soul Mates: Unlocking the Dynamics of Soul Attraction."

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